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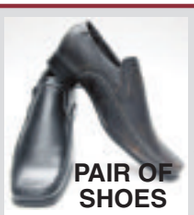

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■ **A PLACE IN HISTORY: Stonemason Chris Berridge and the plaque he was commissioned to carve to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee visit to Crewkerne**

A plaque fit for the Queen

By Chris Denne

WHEN stonemason Chris Berridge entered the international Worldskills competition in 2009, he wanted nothing more than to advance his career and gain a little recognition.

He posted at the time: "I am hoping to gain respect and admiration for my efforts".

Three years and one Worldskills gold medal later, the Queen was unveiling his plaque outside Crewkerne town hall in front of hundreds of people.

The 23-year-old from Crewkerne, who has said that he only became a stonemason because wanted to do something with his hands and was offered a job just before he left school, will now see his historic plaque bedded into the town hall wall in full view of the town square.

Chris explained how creating the plaque became a family affair.

He said: "My mum spent hours setting the type out. Each letter has to be drawn on graph paper.

"I spent 30 hours carving the letters but in all I'd say it took 60 hours work to finish the job."

Time enough for Chris to carve himself small place in the history of Crewkerne.

Story and photos of the Queen's visit to Crewkerne on pages 10, 11 & 12.

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Bells to get £8,000 revamp

THE bells ringing from St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Crewkerne, are to benefit from a "once-in-a-century" overhaul costing £8,000.

The eight graduated cast-iron bells, which weigh from less than a quarter to more than a ton, had their last major service in 1894.

But bits have been falling off in recent months and the time is now ripe for some repairs, according to church spokesman Les Lloyd.

"The bells have started to show their age and various parts have broken or just fallen off and had to be replaced by the tower repair team," he said.

"The clapper fell from the fourth bell. Matters were then complicated by the loose clapper jamming between the bell and the tower wall.

"There have also been problems on the third and seventh bells in recent months, so the service is just in time."

The work, which will take months to complete, will involve:

• painting the iron framework on which the bells sit;

■ **LEARNING THE ROPES: Members of St Bartholomew's band of bell-ringers include (from left) John Lee, Ann Medley, Trudy Porter, Sam Murphy (Steeple Keeper), Liz Hughes (Tower Captain), Ray Banfield, Natasha Judeo (holding a broken clapper!), Tim Batty, and Jacqui Agar**

By Alex Alexander

• installing six new clappers (the knobs of iron which strike the bells);

• putting in new "running boards", "sliders" and pulleys; and

• replacing eight sets of iron bearings on which the enormous bells swing.

Much of the work will have to be carried out by specialist engineers.

Mr Lloyd added: "The painting will start as soon as the weather is suitable.

"The heavy bell work will start later in the year to fit in with other commitments, such as church services and weddings."

Apart from the running repairs that are about to begin, the bells are in fine fettle, according to Tower Captain Liz Hughes.

And the band of bell-ringers she leads has been going from strength to strength, with 16 active members aged from their teens to their 80s.

She said the bells had been silent for some years until about five-years-ago when a new band came together.

The St Bartholomew bell-ringers practice every Monday evening from 7.30pm until 9pm.

• New members are always welcome. More details are available from Liz on (01460) 75648.

W news briefing

■ **SEVERALLS** Jubilee Bowls Club will hold their annual open day, tomorrow (Saturday) from 11am to 4pm.

All are welcome at the green on the corner of Severalls Park Avenue and Lang Road, Crewkerne for a free taster session with equipment provided (tea and biscuits too). They welcome complete beginners including juniors or more experienced players of all ages.

For more information call Ken Leamon on 01460 77014, or just turn up but no high heels please!

■ **THE WEEKENDER** has been asked to point out that members of the U3A craft group were the designers of the banners and bunting made for the Queen's visit this week.

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Financial lifeline for youth centre

WEDNESDAYS will continue being wild - and Fridays, fun - thanks to a cash boost for a popular community facility in Crewkerne.

The West One Youth and Community Centre was thrown a financial lifeline when the district council agreed to meet a £1,250 shortfall in its budget.

Members of the South Somerset Area West Committee heard at its latest monthly meeting that the centre is struggling to make ends meet with projected income of almost £21,630, but expected running costs of £22,875.

A finance officer's report revealed that the centre has had to trim certain activities because of county council cutbacks.

The officer said: "The centre continues to provide a home to an after school club, a playgroup, and a variety of youth sessions. But, last year Somerset County Council Youth Service reduced the number of youth sessions they could deliver in Crewkerne down to one per week - the senior club aimed at teenagers.

"In order to ensure that the younger teenagers and children in Crewkerne did not lose out, the West One trustees worked with Crewkerne Town Council to commission the services of a local company called Active Learning and Skills.

"AL&S have been running two sessions a week in Crewkerne: Wild Wednesdays and Fun Fridays.

"These are proving very popular with up to 30 children and young people attending each session.

"Over the past year a major priority for the trustees has been their involvement in progressing the project to build the George Reynolds Centre, a new community youth and sport facility at Henhayes.

"Early in March, building work started on the George Reynolds Centre, which will provide a new home for all the users of West One Youth & Community Centre, as well as the main sports clubs in the town. It is envisaged that the users of West One will be able to move into their new home in Autumn 2012."

Area West committee members unanimously voted to make a grant of £1,248 to the West One Centre.

Heritage centre to get council cash boost

By Alex Alexander

COUNCILLORS have stumped-up more than £1,400 to help with the running costs of the Crewkerne Heritage Centre.

The East Street centre, which welcomes 4,000 visitors and users a year, struggles to meet its running costs.

But members of South Somerset's Area West Committee have unanimously agreed to meet this year's expected shortfall.

An officer's report put in front of the committee revealed that the centre has projected running costs of £10,200 and an estimated shortfall of £1,409.

The officer stated: "Crewkerne Heritage Centre is a very popular and highly regarded attraction within the town.

"It houses a museum, local history room and a lettable meeting room.

"The trustees, supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, have worked hard to increase the profile of the Heritage Centre, raise funds and keep running costs to a minimum."

The officer said successes and achievements over the past 12 months include:

- attracting more visitors to the museum;
- renegotiating lower-cost contracts with energy, communication and insurance providers;
- running a successful art exhibition last November, which helped raise further funds;
- increasing sales in the museum shop;
- boosting the number of volunteer helpers;
- being actively involved in the Promoting Crewkerne project, lead by SSDC; and
- carrying out repairs to the stairwell wall.

He added: "The museum exhibitions planned for this year reflect events happening nationally.

"A 'Queen and Country' exhibition will use newspapers, magazines, memorabilia and fashion to detail life, culture and events throughout the past 60 years.

"A second exhibition during the summer months is titled 'Play the Game' and will show the importance of sporting activities in Crewkerne throughout the past century."

Heritage centre administrator Janet Harris said the trustees would be delighted with the contribution from South Somerset.

- During the season, the museum is open from 10.30am until 4pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 10.30am until 1pm on Saturdays.

Its season runs from the start of April until the end of September.

THUMBS UP: Heritage Centre volunteers Janet Strawbridge (left) with Philip and Janet Harris show their appreciation for the much-needed financial boost

WHILE the latest cash grant from South Somerset District Council to the Crewkerne Heritage Centre is more than welcome, belts are getting tighter.

South Somerset gave the centre £2,100 last year, £1,400 this year, and has signaled that it can only afford £700 next year.

And after that… nothing.

Volunteer administrator Janet Harris said the centre was constantly seeking ways to boost its income.

In the last couple of years it has put on extra regular coffee mornings, launched a regular "100 Club" prize draw.

Eyesore area to get £12,000 makeover

GOOD news for cyclists, swimmers and pedestrians - but bad news for town-centre rubbish pests.

A £12,000 scheme to spruce-up an eyesore area at the entrance to the Crewkerne Aqua Centre can go ahead, thanks to a £5,900 grant from the district council.

The revamp will also result a secure store for the centre's dustbins, a covered cycle shelter, and the removal of an earth bank that causes flooding.

Members of South Somerset's Area West Committee heard that civic chiefs in Crewkerne are hoping to make the area near the Henhayes recreation ground more welcoming for residents and visitors.

An officer's report stated: "The plan is to enhance the area whilst improving facilities for cyclists to the Aqua Centre and the Henhayes recreation ground.

"This will be achieved by installing a secure bin store and a covered cycle rack.

"Pedestrians wishing to access the recreation ground generally walk past the Aqua Centre entrance and along the footpath.

"This area looks unsightly because the Aqua Centre has to put their waste bins there.

"This not only looks untidy, it also creates a poor impression for any visitors driving to the car park in the town centre.

"As the bins are positioned in such a visible location, members of the public feel they can use them. This attracts fly-tippers.

"The bins have locks to discourage such use, but this has resulted in them being vandalised.

"To rectify the problem, the town council would like to install a secure bin store to the right of the building, which would be less visible.

"In addition there is a lack of cycle facilities in the Henhayes area. The cycle racks that do exist are not covered.

"The town council would like to encourage more people to cycle to their amenities and plans to install a cycle shelter that will make it easier for people.

"The shelter would be located next to the bin store.

"Both will be to the right of the Aqua Centre entrance and beside the footpath to the recreation ground.

"This area is dominated by a large earth bank, which causes the footpath to flood occasionally.

"The bank will be removed and drainage will be provided to ensure flooding does not happen."

The officer added that the town council and Aqua Centre needed £5,925 for the project.

Members of the Area West Committee unanimously agreed to fund the shortfall.

Better view for movie club members

MEMBERS of the FilmCrew movie club can look forward to a better view of the big screen, thanks to a bumper cheque for £1,250.

The money will come from the coffers of South Somerset District Council's Area West Committee and will enable the club to buy much-needed blackout curtains.

Committee members heard that the club, which was established in 2009, puts on monthly film shows at Wadham School for nine months of the year for the population of Crewkerne and district.

An officer's report on the grant application stated that: "The club is growing rapidly, having increased its membership by more than 50 per cent in the last year.

"At present it has 126 members and is advertising to attract more. The club has 12 volunteers and a committee of nine."

The officer added: "The grant under application is to go towards the cost of a set of blackout curtains for the school auditorium.

"This will improve the quality of the presentations, which will in turn continue to attract new members.

"The additional membership fees will then help to ensure the future sustainability of the club.

"Wadham School will also benefit from use of the curtains for their productions.

"The group is independent of the school. Although Wadham students are eligible, none have joined so far.

"FilmCrew and Wadham School have together raised £1,630 including a grant from Crewkerne Town Council.

"They are looking to South Somerset District Council for a grant of £1,250."

Area West committee members unanimously agreed to the grant.

Thalia delights audience

■ MAKING MERRY: Alex Ennis (left) and Sarah Patten are the popular Somerset-based Thalia duo

■ **SATISFIED: Good food, good company and good music were the order of the evening at the Henhayes Centre last Friday.**

Photos by Dave Charnick

DINERS at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne had a foot-stomping, thigh-slapping time last Friday when Somerset violin and guitar duo Thalia put on an evening cabaret performance.

The pair delighted the Henhayes audience with a selection of pieces in styles as varied as Latin American, Klezmer, Tango, Celtic, Baroque, Spanish, Classical and ballet.

Retired plumber David Charnick, who was one of the 70 diners, said: "They were excellent!"

Thalia consists of violinist Alex Ennis and guitarist Sarah Patten, who have been performing together since 1994 when they met at Trinity College of Music in London.

Solar panel scheme turned down by district planners

By Alex Alexander

PLANNERS have blocked a bid to erect 178 solar panels at Merriott because they would blot the landscape and clash with a nearby listed building.

Truro-based renewable energy developers e-tricity applied to put up the panels on behalf of Nigel Witcombe, who owns and occupies Manor Farm.

The panels would theoretically generate enough electricity to power 14 homes.

But members of the South Somerset Area West committee threw out the scheme after considering a report by planning officer John Millar.

He told members: "The application relates to an area of agricultural land forming part of Manor Farm, which is located on the east side of Lower Street, Merriott.

"The site is adjoining the farmyard and lies just beyond the development limits of the village.

"It is also just outside the local conservation area. There is a grade II listed dwelling immediately to the west, only 5m from the application site.

"The application is to install 178 solar panels on fixed frames.

"The arrays will be at a height of 2.6m and will be contained within a 2m tall fence covering an area of 18m by 51m."

The council's Landscape Architect also told the committee: "I have concern over the site selected for this array."

He said that there was "clear incongruity" in having the panels so close to a listed building.

He added: "The proposal to fence the array within a chain link enclosure is contrary to SSDC's guidance on PV installations.

"Also, on other e-tricity sites, a heavy form of anchoring has been used for the array, which has an industrial form and is not appropriate for a rural location.

"I would not altogether discount a potential for PV on this farm.

"But this is not the location, and with the conservation area also nearby, I am not certain that there is a ready option."

The council's Conservation Manager expressed similar doubts: "The height, prominence, exposure and proximity to the adjacent listed building, the visibility of the site, and the way the proposal would impinge on the view of the listed building from the public footpath are all issues that make me recommend against this.

"The high metal fencing and lack of any landscape mitigation are additional factors that would result in harm to the setting of the listed Monkhouse Farm.

"It would seem to us that there might be an alternative site hereabouts, which with a lower form and careful landscaping, might overcome the objection."

Members heard that there had been no objections - or letters of support - from members of the public.

They voted in accordance with their officers' recommendations and refused the application.

The applicant can appeal.

If you have a story for Crewkerne call Alex Alexander on 07710794321 or email alexnews123@yahoo.co.uk

Accomplished students meet MP

By Marion Draper

DURING a visit to Holyrood Academy, in Chard, MP David Laws was introduced by headteacher Maurice Hicks to a group of the students who have been involved in additional activities to the school curriculum.

First to speak was Natalie Jennings, who explained that she and fellow student Henry Payne had visited Auschwitz in February as part of the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project. Mr Laws was very interested and able to relate to their experience, having taken the very moving tour of the camp himself.

The Holocaust Educational Trust chooses two students from each college and sixth form in the region every year. The group all attended an orientation seminar where they met a camp survivor before travelling together. Henry said that since returning they had spoken to the governors about their visit and how it had impacted on them and they were planning to deliver a presentation to their sixth form.

Mr Hicks added that the presentation the Henry and Natalie had given to the governors was very powerful and moving and hadn't left a dry eye in the house.

Next to speak was Mollie Broadley who introduced her friend Chris Goodhew, explaining that his mother had died of cancer last year. She and five other friends had decided to get together to help take his mind of things and raise some money for cancer research, planning a cycle ride across the Somerset Levels. They took it to their head of year who thought their target of £1,000 rather ambitious but the event held in March was very successful with eight cyclists taking part. The MP was very impressed to hear that to date they had raised £5,229 and money was still coming in.

Hannah Johnson was selected to represent England in the world baton twirling championships in Switzerland. She was in the top six of the duet category and top ten as an individual and showed Mr Laws her medal, and told him how she was the European Champion last year and would be competing again this year in Holland. The MP commented it was "quite an achievement".

Cycling champion Ryan White explained he would be representing the school in the British School Cycling Association National Championships on May 20th in the Midlands. Ryan explained how he had joined 1st Chard Wheelers, and now cycles about 150 miles a week.

Mark Bulgin is a member of the Phoenix Brass band in Crewkerne and at 12 years old was excited to be playing his cornet for the Queen during her visit to the town this week.

■ ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH: Holyrood Academy headteacher Maurice Hicks, MP David Laws and students who have gone the extra mile

■ THANKS FOR THE DEDICATION: Mike Froom presented with a plant by Sandra Pitwood and members of the committee of Chard 2000 Chard in Bloom

Mike takes a blooming back seat

CHARD 2000 and Chard in Bloom made a presentation to Mike Froom at their AGM last month.

Mr Froom has now retired from the committee after over 25 years, firstly with Chard 2000, then continuing when they amalgamated with Chard in Bloom. Many of those years were spent as being vice chairman.

The committee are gearing up for this year's round of contests which will start with the usual school planter competition in Howards Row on Wednesday May 23rd.

There will be three major gardening competitions: the garden competition open to anyone in Chard and surrounding parishes; the David Hill Trophy community garden competition which is open to care homes; and the allotment competition for the Rose Bowl Award, again open to Chard and parishes.

The presentation for the garden and allotment competitions will be at Chard Garden Centre Saturday, July 14th.

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Recognising outstanding service

By Marion Draper

AT CHARD Town Council's annual parish meeting the Mayor Councillor Cathie Morrison presented outstanding service awards to members of the community.

The High Sheriff of Somerset, Mrs Sylvana Margery Glazebrook Chandler had been invited to join the mayor in presenting the outstanding service awards.

The nominations were: Mike Froom who had just retired from the Chard 2000 and Chard in Bloom committee after 25 years. He continues as a trustee of Harvey's Homes after 30 years and was in the past on Chard Football Club committee.

Stella Evans who has run a small whist drive for the last 25 years in St Mary's Church rooms, mainly for senior citizens. All monies raised had gone back into prizes and other expenses and she had often dipped into her own pocket to keep it going.

Nat Thomson, coordinator of Chard Street Pastors. He got most of the management committee in place, got the right information from the national organisation, made contact with the relevant authorities and sourced the funding which was instrumental in their launch over a year ago.

Sylvia Banks of the Welcome Bap Coffee Shop in Holyrood Street which recently celebrated 20 years. Started by members of the Baptist Church as a service to the local community, it is staffed by over 40 volunteers and under Sylvia's management for the last 12 years has offered work placements to young people.

Rotarian Robert Rollings who was a volunteer cashier at Chard's Oxfam shop, joined the Heart Foundation for 18 years,and founded the local fundraising branch for Children's Hospice South West. Including his work with Rotary, Mr Rollings has helped raise many thousands of pounds for charity.

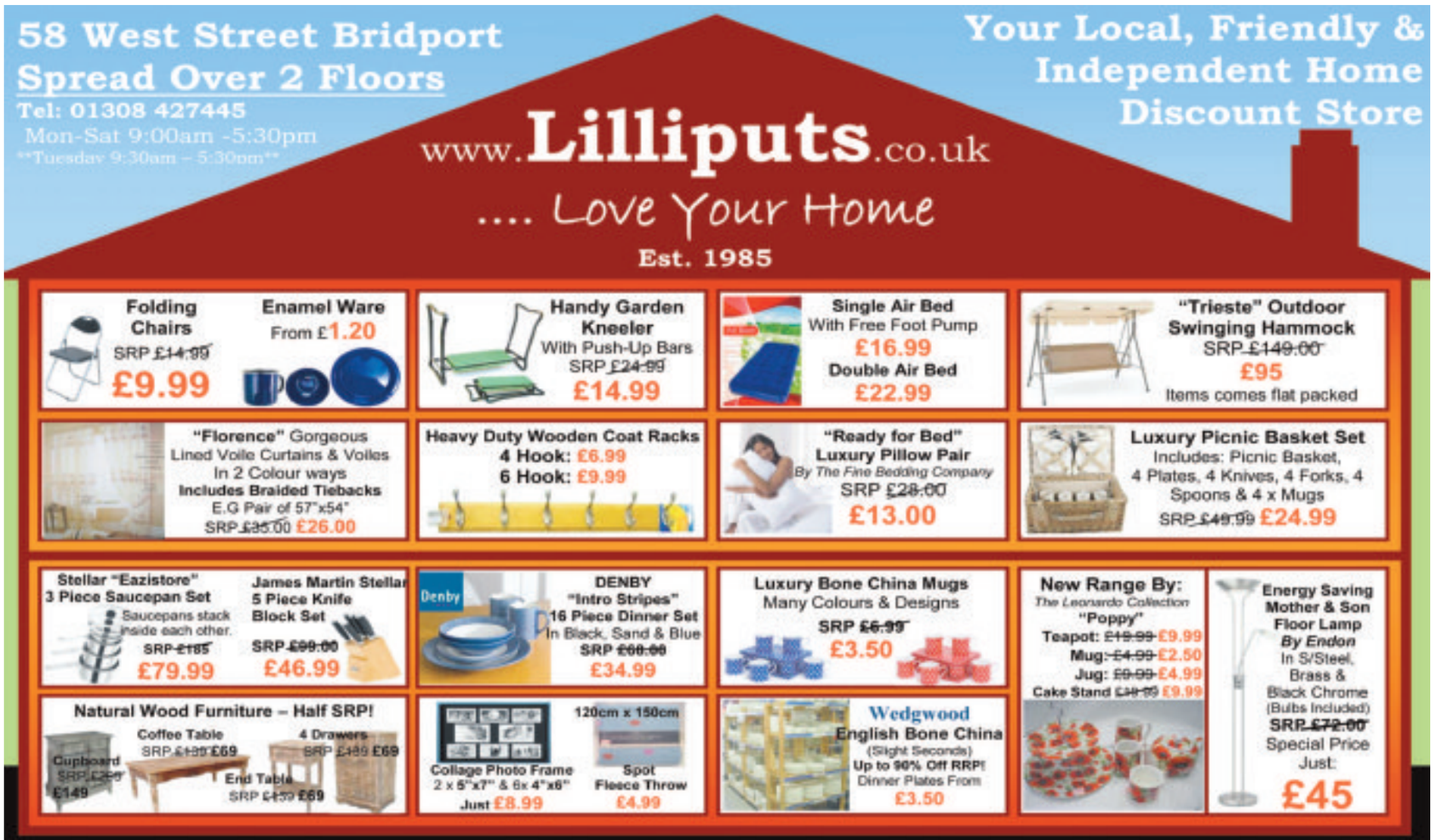
Esme Clark who has been a volunteer at St Margaret's Hospice shop since it opened 20 years ago and has been a great support to the hospice. She is also a member of the Chard Ladies Evening Guild and was one of the members who made the Millennium Tapestry.

Guide leader June Pope, who got her leadership warrant in 1981 on her 18th birthday. She runs 2nd Chard Guides, is district commissioner for Chard district and is camp advisor for Seavington Division. Totally dedicated to Guiding, she has often given up her house to meetings and her garden to drying tents.

First Responders Carol Packer and Dave Sibley both received awards last years when the volunteer group was nominated as a whole but were chosen for individual awards this year as they have both been Responders since it began in Chard 10 years ago. They have both served the community alongside the ambulance service, attending events and teaching first aid whilst working their normal jobs.

The final presentations of the evening were to distribute the monies raised for the mayor's charities over the last year. The Guides, Scouts and First Responders each received just over £968. The Scouts started a new Beaver group this year which took start-up money from their funds. They also needed to replace some tents for camp. The Guides wanted to put the money towards summer camp and they said they hoped to put on another Gang Show. The Responders said the amount would pay half of the cost of keeping their vehicle on the road for a year.

■ TEN YEARS ON: First Responders Dave Sibley and Carol Packer



New start for oldest pool in county

By Marion Draper

THE SWIMMING pool at Greenfylde School in Ilminster was officially re-opened by the Mayor, Councillor Carol Goodall, on Saturday.

Headteacher John Jeffery thanked the large crowd of families and the Mayor for attending. He said: "Last year, at this time the governors were in a real dilemma over what to do with the pool. It had been closed for two years and needed a great deal of money spending on it.

"A great deal of thought went into whether we should close it or try to re-open it. We consulted with parents who quite obviously wanted to keep it open and a group of parents have taken hold of that problem and raised a great deal of money for us in a very short time with an impressive effort, and to them we are very grateful indeed."

Mr Jeffery went on to explain that the pool was the oldest in Somerset.

He said: "There was first a pool here in 1896 so to close it would have been a real shame. The decision to open it was a difficult one but it has proved worthwhile. The children in school now go swimming twice a week again as part of their PE and in the past two weeks, since we've been back from Easter, as I've walked across the playground and heard the children swimming or come in and watched them and seen their excitement, it's clear to me that the decision to open the pool, was the right one.

"Thank you very much to everyone involved, and thank you for being here today. We have had lots of very generous contributions to make sure that this pool could have the work it needed done, mostly the new liner."

A major contribution came from the Gooch Charitable Trust, which donated £5,000, plus othe donation from local organisations, for which Mr Jeffery said they were "very grateful".

Peter Barson from the Gooch Charitable Trust attended the opening to present a plaque marking the trust's contribution.

He said: "We're delighted to be associated with this success story. The Gooch Trust exists as a small trust for the benefit of Ilminster and its people and this is just the sort of project we are delighted to be associated with so to mark our grant, this plaque will be openly displayed and hopefully will encourage others to seek assistant from the trust at some future date."

The Mayor then spoke briefly before declaring the pool officially open and giving it her blessing by dipping a toe in the water.

She said: "I was really delighted when I was asked to officially open the refurbished pool. I followed the acceptance with a proviso 'don't expect me to take part'. You see, I grew up in a very rural area when it was not common for first schools to have access to swimming pools. I never learnt to swim, I did once try when I was a teenager but another young boy fooling around in the pool pulled me under the water and towed me along under the water for what seemed like an age and I've never been able to cope with it since.

"The opportunity for our young children to have access to a pool as far as I'm concerned is vitally important and you can understand why I feel that way.

"On behalf of the parents, the children and the town can I say a big thank you to the swimming pool committee ably led by Anne-Marie, the numerous volunteers and the youngsters who have worked so hard on this project."

The pool can be hired by members of the community through the school. It is only four feet deep at the deep end and has changing areas but no showers.

■ OFFICIALLY OPEN: The Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Carol Goodall, cuts the ribbon alongside schoolchildren

■ TEAM WORK: Anne-Marie Davis from the pool committee, headteacher John Jeffery, Daniel Knight from the pool committee and Peter Barson of the Gooch Trust

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Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tour 2012

Thousands line the streets to welcome

Words by Marion Draper
photos by Marion Draper and Chris Denne

SCHOOLCHILDREN were out in their hundreds along with the rest of the crowd who turned out for the Royal visit to Crewkerne on Wednesday.

Waving their flags in excitement as they lined the street in anticipation of catching a glimpse of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, they came from within the town and surrounding villages, some as far away as Tatworth.

The Market Square filled up early with local people three deep in the crowd, anxious for a prime position. The traffic also was queuing way out of the town before the 9am road closure.

The Phoenix Brass Band kept everyone entertained as the mayor, councillor Neil Sturtivant and mayoress Sara Sturtivant, councillors and honoured citizens of the town, lined up ready to greet their royal guests.

The royal party were expected at 10.40am, having visited Yeovil, but were delayed as they slowed to wave at villagers on the way through West Coker and East Chinnock.

The first wave of enthusiasm calmed as everyone waited for news of the imminent arrival.

But when the Royal Standard was hoisted on the town hall, and the band struck up with the National Anthem, there was a terrific roar as everyone cheered and frantically waved their flags.

■ HER Majesty The Queen admires a posey presented to her by Mrs Eglon
Photo by Hilary Leamon

■ OFFICIAL WELCOME:The Royal party are greeted by the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewkerne councillor Neil and Mrs Sara Sturtivant

■ LOCAL STONE: Her Majesty unveils the commemorative hamstone plaque

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A very special day for birthday girl Chrissie

■ ONE of the VIPs in the line-up for the Queen's visit to Crewkerne, on Wednesday, was Misterton resident Chrissie Eglon who was celebrating her 100th birthday that very day, and was privileged to meet Her Majesty and present her with flowers.

While the crowd were awaiting the royal party, the Phoenix Brass Band played Happy Birthday to her and everyone sang along.

Mrs Eglon, who has an excellent memory, has lost count of how many grandchildren and great grandchildren she has. She swears by three meals a day and plenty of fruit to keep healthy and still cooks roast dinners for her family.

She is also a collector of hats and was wrapped up well against the chill in her new outfit and of course a hat.

Mrs Eglon was delighted to be there for her extra special birthday, which she will be celebrating with her large extended family on Sunday.

She said: "I was still dancing at my 90th birthday, but I had a heart attack. I've seen the Queen three times at the Trooping of the Colour. We are quite a military family."

Mrs Eglon had the great honour to met the Queen and present her with a posey.

When asked what she said to Her Majesty, Mrs Eglon replied: "I told her what a lovely outfit she was wearing. It's my favourite colour."

Mrs Eglon is pictured with great granddaughter Hermoine Beasley (7) who goes to St Bartholomew's School.

Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tour 2012

Her Majesty The Queen to Crewkerne

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness greeted the mayor and mayoress, before being led by the Lord Lieutenant Lady Gass into the town hall to view displays of Somerset's Heritage, and local groups and food and craft producers.

When they reappeared the Queen unveiled a hamstone plaque to commemorate her visit. The plaque was carved by Chris Berridge, a former student of Wadham School, who won the Team UK Gold Medal at Worldskills London 2011. The stone was donated by his employer Harvey Stone Quarry of Ham Hill.

Pupils from Crewkerne First Schools, Ashlands and St Bartholomews, nine-year-old Emily Lacey and eight-year-old William Bridgen, presented Her Majesty with a basket of local produce to take with her.

A special introduction was made to Chrissie Eglon, from Misterton, who was 100 on Wednesday, and presented the Queen with a posy.

The royal party then turned their attention to a group of children, and as Her Majesty accepted more flowers from them, Prince Philip turned his attention to the band.

After a brief farewell to the crowd, and taking leave of the mayor and mayoress, the visitors returned to their royal car and drove through the town centre and along Hermitage Street and Lyme Road, to Maiden Beech Academy where they left for Exeter by helicopter.

Following the departure, the mayor was almost speechless but said: "I am amazed, just look at the crowd here and how many have turned out along the route. They are not just here in the square but Wadham School have turned and they are all up the road towards Maiden Beech. It just shows the sort of depth of feeling there is here.

"It was a huge honour to be chosen and I like to think it was because of our lovely architecture and really friendly people."

■ CROWDS await Her Majesty's arrival

■ AWAITING THEIR MOMENT: School children line up to present their flowers to The Queen

■ SLIGHT DELAY: Honoured Citizens of Crewkerne waiting outside the Town Hall

A proud day for Crewkerne

THE chosen few from Crewkerne community groups and local producers who were privileged to be in the Victoria Hall with displays of their information for the visit by HM the Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh, were delighted to be included in the special day.

Wadham School students, George Marshall-James, headboy Mitchell Wingham, Violette Pepper and Ruby Bremer-Smith along with headteacher David Derbyshire, were representing the school as part of the its 40th anniversary celebrations.

George presented a card, made by the students and signed by the whole school to her Majesty, which he said she received with the words "Thank you, how very kind".

The Queen spoke to Mitchell for a little while.

He said: "She asked the age of the school and how many students there are. "She then said 'good luck for the future' and the Duke asked if this was my last year and what I hoped to do when I left. When I replied it was and I was going to be a PE teacher at Plymouth Marjon, he said that teaching was a short career.

"It feels quite surreal now. While I was talking to the Queen, I was thinking about the coins in my pocket and how her head, the most famous in the country, was on them.

"We were absolutely thrilled, it's a great way to mark the school's 40th anniversary."

George added: "It's a proud day for Crewkerne, it brings a tear to your eye."

Ruby said she also spoke to the Duke briefly to tell him she would be nursing after school to which he replied he was "very impressed".

Mary Cooper from Lower Severalls Nursery said Her Majesty had commented that herbs were very pretty plants and her mother had always had a herb garden.

Sue Waldrop from the Crewkerne Country Market had displayed a wonderful hat cake decorated with Maltesers, which the Queen had commented "it looks fun".

Diana Dyke and Bette Lumbard from the Twinning Association said they had been asked how often they did exchanges and who with.

Mrs Lumbard said: "It was lovely. We don't get this much excitement in Crewkerne very often."

Jonathan and Anwen Hoskyns from North Perrot Farm Shop who were displaying their apple juices said that Crewkerne had done a great job with the decorating of the town and the reception for the royal party.

He said Her Majesty and the His Royal Highness had commented on the fact that Sandringham pressed four varieties of apple and were impressed to hear they had 29 pressings.

Cedric and Dorothy Tuck from Misterton presented their prize winning cider and apple cake to the visitors.

Members of Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society had a display of costumes up on the stage.

They said Her Majesty seemed very interested in them from below, but they were disappointed that no one seemed to explain to her who they were.

Debbie Bale from Lubborn Cheese said the couple had been interested in their Somerset Brie.

The Queen had asked if they were allowed to call it Brie and the Duke had asked where they got their milk from.

The feeling of the day was summed up by the Wadham students who were all feeling completely bowled over by the honour of the experience and all said in unison that they had not slept well the night before, because it felt like "Christmas come early".

■ CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY: Wadham students, headboy Mitchell Wingham, George Marshall–James Violette Pepper and Ruby Bremer-Smith with headteacher David Derbyshire

■ SWAPPING NOTES: Anwen and Jonathan Hoskyns from North Perrot Farm Shop talked about Royal apple juicing

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Chard School Nursery is an independent nursery in Chard, dedicated to the education of children between 2 and 4 years old. The Nursery is completely self-contained and it has its own covered play area and a well-equipped, enclosed garden, which includes a low level adventure playground & tree house.

Children can attend the Nursery on a part or full-time basis. Early Years Funding is available for all 3 & 4 year olds and some 2 year olds are eligible for Early Years Funding. If you would like to find out more about the Nursery or arrange a visit, please call 01460 63234.

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National Pet Month's aims are to

- Promote responsible pet ownership
- Make people aware of the mutual benefits of living with pets
- Increase public awareness of the role of pet care specialists
- Raise awareness of the value of working and assistance companion animals

What?

Each year the responsible pet ownership message is conveyed by running the events under a central theme.. Our 2012 theme is " Your pets and you: a winning team".

Who?

National Pet Month is a registered charity, unique in bringing together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet businesses, schools, youth groups and pet lovers, with the common goal of improving the welfare of pets. The trustees are National Office of Animal Health (NOAH), Pet Food Manufacturers' Association (PFMA) and Pet Care Trust (PCT).

How?

First of all become a supporter. This will keep you up-to-date with our activities and you will get a free events pack. Anyone wanting to find out more about running events for National Pet Month can also check out the details on putting on an event.

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Mazie the bunny

On Friday the 6th April *the Weekender* launched a competition to support National Pet Month. Readers were asked to send in photos with a description of why their pet is so special. The winner was Mazie the Bunny from Somerset. Mazie's owner said "Mazie is special to me because she is one of a kind, a cheek playful and loveable little bunny. As part of the prize, Mazie and her owner had a photo shoot and our reporter found out a bit more about this special pet.

Mazie the bunny is an eight month old Rex Lop cross whose favourite foods are grapes, dandelions and carrots and she is considered very special by her family. Her owner was told by her mother that she was allowed to have a rabbit on condition she built her own hutch and run, which she did with the help of her grandfather. Mazie also gets to run around in the garden.

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▲ **The Weekender's new mascot for pet features, Mazie the bunny pictured with her owner.**

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Top ten tips for responsible pet ownership

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Housing group support WATCH

WORKING All Together in Chard (WATCH), the project which aims to reach out to socially isolated adults in Chard and provide them with new skills, has received further funding thanks to local affordable housing provider Yarlington Housing Group.

The housing group has donated £29,060 to WATCH, which will finance a project co-ordinator for a year, cover running costs of the project and future development.

Yarlington resident Julie Matthews, founder of Chard Intentional Support Group which has led to the formation of WATCH, has been working as a voluntary project co-ordinator and will take up the role. She aims to reach out to socially isolated adults in the town and provide them with new skills, a chance to make new friends, explore employment and volunteer opportunities. This is done through informal first step learning activities including art and crafts, confidence-building techniques, sculpture building, mosaics, IT skills and creative writing. The group also offer practical work experience and volunteering opportunities.

Mrs Matthews commented: "I am so pleased and grateful to Yarlington to be able to get a year's funding for the project, which will also secure my employment and enable me to get off state benefits. It has been a hard struggle to get the WATCH project off the ground and with the support of the Chard Intentional Peer Group and other agencies I hope I will be able to co-ordinate a project that members can use to fulfil their own potential; whether it is to find employment, volunteering opportunities or to make new friends."

Ellie Turner, Yarlington Housing Group community partnership worker, said: "We are delighted to work in partnership with WATCH. It's a service that allows people to realise their skills and breaks down the barriers for people looking for employment.

"The funding will support WATCH into the future and will benefit thousands of our residents in the area."

■ AT the start of the summer term Jane Bruce took over the reins of Chard School. In her new role as headteacher, Mrs Bruce (pictured above with students) previously worked at Millfield Prep School as head of pastoral care and is busy getting to know the children and enjoying settling into the school. She said: "I am looking forward to maintaining the traditional values and ethos of Chard School that make it so unique whilst developing and leading it into the future. I'm delighted to have taken over such a successful and thriving school with a dedicated and highly trained staff. To have almost a third of our Year 6 Class going onto Colyton Grammar School this year is outstanding and testimony to the school's academic excellence."

■ FUNDING FOR PROGRESS: WATCH Management Committee member Andrew Conlan, volunteer Charles Snudden, project co-ordinator Julie Matthews and Ellie Turner from Yarlington Housing Group, with volunteer Cliff Vodden in front

CHARD Carnival Committee are pleading with local party animals to buy a ticket for their fundraising masked ball this month, which will run at a loss if they do not get more takers.

Scheduled for Saturday, May 12th at the Guildhall, the evening was launched to raise money for the RNLI and promises a three-course dinner, bar, live entertainment from local singer Andrea and a disco. There will also be a charity auction with prizes including tickets to a Yeovil Town match, a family pass to SeaQuarium, a £50 meat hamper and a chocolate hamper.

There will also be a professional photographer on hand with a mobile studio.

Ticket prices have been reduced to £20. Masks are optional with the dress code being lounge suits.

Anyone interested can pick up a booking form from Chard Garden Centre or the Tourist Information Centre. Alternatively, call Helena on 01460 61224 or Carol on 01460 238473.

■ PLEASE SUPPORT US: Chard Carnival Committee need tickets sales for their RNLI masked ball

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Funding available

THE creative sector is to get £75,000 from Somerset County Council to boost jobs and skills and support new products or services.

Businesses and organisations are being invited to bid for grants between £5,000 and £15,000 to fund projects, before the deadline date of June 1st 2012.

Councillor David Hall, cabinet member responsible for economic development said: "We are keen to see proposals come forward that will boost the creative economy and involve collaborative working with others. Arts, culture, media, digital or ICT businesses, and organisations looking to develop the sector as a whole, are invited to apply for a share of the £75,000 Creative Industries Fund to help encourage joint working and projects of scale that will create a significant impact, we have increased the minimum grant for applicants to £5,000 this year."

Successful applicants will be informed by July 2nd.

For further information about the Creative Industries Fund, contact Paul Chadwick on 01823 358 060.

New leader for council

COUNCILLOR John Osman, will replace councillor Ken Maddock as leader of Somerset County Council.

It is expected that councillor Osman, who is currently deputy leader of the county council, will be formally elected as the new leader at a meeting on May 16th.

Any changes to the membership of the council's cabinet and their responsibilities will also be clarified at that meeting.

Councillor Maddock announced last month he would step down as leader of the council, in order to pursue a post as the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner.

Barker's muse makes final journey

OBITUARY: BRIAN MICHAM
by Marion Draper

ONE of Crewkerne's best known shopkeepers, Brian Meecham, made his final journey on Thursday, April 26th, having passed away peacefully on April 18th, aged 78.

Brian always said he would never leave his terraced house in South Street until they carried him out. Sadly he passed away at Yeovil hospital, but his family took him back home one last time, from where he was carried out before his funeral at St Bartholomew's Church.

The big hearted man ran Meecham and Son with his wife Doreen from that same property for more than 30 years, selling everything from candles to custard powder, inspiring comedian and writer Ronnie Barker to base his Open all Hours comedy series on their shop.

Unlike his grumpy TV namesake, however, Brian was known not only for his accommodating business practise, but for having a laugh with his customers.

The church was packed for the service with family, friends, neighbours and former customers, all with their own stories to tell.

Funeral director, Mike Montague, recalled when he ran out of meat one Christmas holiday, he said: "I knew Brian did his own ham so I called him up on Boxing Day and he said 'that's alright son, come on over'. That's the sort of guy he was."

From a personal point of view, having grown up at the Ashlands end of North Street, Meecham's van was a thing of wonder, a lifeline for my mother raising three children at home with no car, while Dad was at work.

Coming to our doorstep on a regular basis, it was a veritable Aladdin's cave on wheels. I was brought up knowing that if there was something you needed for the house, they would have it at Meecham's whether it be a simple broom or some vital little washer, which would be produced from the dark recesses of the van, as if by magic.

Very rarely did I go to the shop itself, the other side of town was a long way away, but Dad always took us there for the adventure of picking out our Christmas tree and it was just like the van, crammed from top to bottom with everything you could possibly need.

■ **FINAL FAREWELL: Brian Meecham leaves his home in South Street one last time**

Brian was also a wealth of local knowledge and when I covered the severe flooding in Crewkerne of May 2008, he spoke to me at length about his thoughts on why there was such severe flooding in the town - in his opinion exacerbated by the extensive housing development on Kithill - and how important the flood plains behind South Street were.

His youngest daughter Debra Spurway said it had been a difficult week, particularly for her mother as her parents had been about to celebrate 58 years of marriage. But the stream of cards and good wishes they had all received were a great comfort.

She said: "There were many people at the wake at the Stagecoach, which was where dad wanted it and had spent many happy hours at the bar there. And Mike Montague provided a top service.

"We have had an astonishing amount of cards, hundreds, and so many people have said to us 'he made us laugh so much with his funny stories'.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone who came to see him off, they came from far and wide."

With all the talk of improving the high streets and towns seeking the help of retail guru Mary Portas, perhaps there are a few who could take a leaf out of the history book of Meecham and Son.

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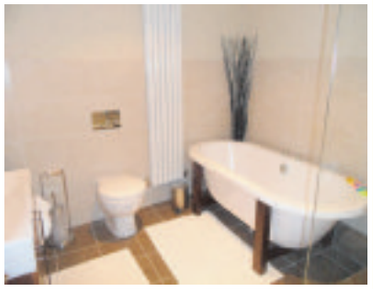

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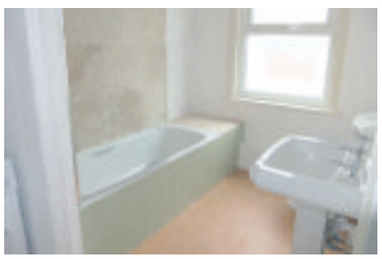

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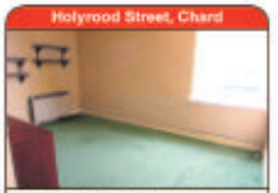

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Cloakroom - Three Bedrooms
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No Onward Chain

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CREWKERNE £280 000

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MERRIOTT £245 000

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Going Out **Gigs**

Alasdair Beatson at Ilminster Arts Centre

Concerts in the West, April 2012

Review by Anthony Pither

THIS was an exquisitely programmed piano recital played to a packed house by one of Concerts in the West's favourite artists. The highlight was the inclusion of Fauré's extraordinary Préludes Op 103, rarely, if ever, heard in their entirety in concert. Harmonies, sounding newly-invented by the composer in his later years and magically interpreted by Alasdair Beatson, created an atmosphere in which time often stood still.

Alasdair was good at creating this intense rapport with his audience – indeed, his individual approach was applied to most of the programme. The first movement of Mozart's F major Sonata, K332, which opened the recital, was, in part, specially phrased, with deliciously exaggerated contrasts and so much space between phrases. This was probably too much for strict classicists, but I soon moved from shock to being a persuaded follower.

Alasdair was at one with Ravel's compact Sonatine; its integrated thematic material providing an unlikely curtain-raiser to Schubert's extraordinary Wanderer Fantasy. For all its extrovert nature – Schubert letting his hair down with a motto theme unifying almost every corner of the joined-up sonata structure - it was the delicate moments, recapturing his greatest song tunes, that lived in the memory. Time standing still again.

Those who missed this recital will be kicking themselves – but the next concert in the series will be the time to believe in the series planners and embrace Nick Meier's world of jazz, flamenco and oriental music - May 18th and 19th.

For further details on upcoming concerts visit www.concertsinthewest.org

What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge

A HUGE thank you goes to the Gooch Charitable Trust for their recent grant of £2,500. Their support will enable us to begin phase 2 of our kitchen refurbishment.

This evening (4th) we welcome an award-winning quartet to the arts centre. **The Andy Nowak Quartet with Josh Arcoleo**, have performed with the likes of Jamie Cullum, Lillian Boutte, and Art Theman at venues such as The Barbican and Ronnie Scott's. The group focus on re-workings of standards, as well as original compositions.

The Concerts in the West series continues with The **Nicholas Meier Trio**, performing works from their new album Breeze, on the 18th. The trio, comprising acoustic guitar, glissentar, bass, harmonica and percussion, crosses the borders of jazz, flamenco and oriental music.

Nicolas Meier will be at the Arts Centre on May 18th

Sacred spaces are explored in the spiritual paintings of **Ariana Heartsong**, whose solo exhibition is on display until 12th. There is an opportunity to meet the artists of a new exhibition, **Relativity**, at a preview on 13th (3-5pm). Featuring sculpture, drawing, painting, photography, and jewellery, this display of work by the Gow family of artists continues until 26th.

Damian Clarke is an artist whose folk-inspired musical compositions go hand in hand with his evocative paintings. Experience both at a special Meet the Artist evening on 26th (5-7pm). Damian will perform music to accompany his exhibition **The River Wherever**. His paintings evoke memories of walks along the banks of the River Brid in Dorset, and the environments of Dartmoor and Cumbria, and will be on display until 23rd June. All exhibitions finish at 12noon on the last day.

Other events taking place this month include our regular **Local Craft and Produce Market** on 5th, **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 19th, as well as a huge selection of workshops. Popular favourites include: **Clay, Writers' Group**, **Watercolour Painting**, **Rag Rugs**, **Knitting**, **Readers' Group**, and **Felt Making**. New ones to try include **Oil Painting**, and **Pattern Alteration**. Don't miss the free **Rush Hat Demonstration** on 11th.

Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with our **'Decorate-a-Plate'** activity for children at the end of May, and **Garden Lunch Party** on Bank Holiday Tuesday (5th June).

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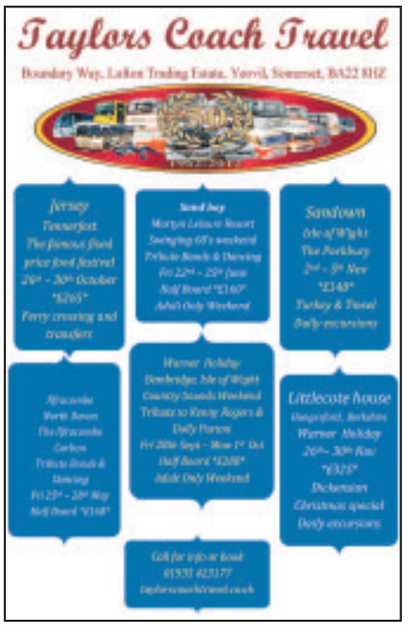


Russian music is coming to Martock again

Going Out **Gigs**

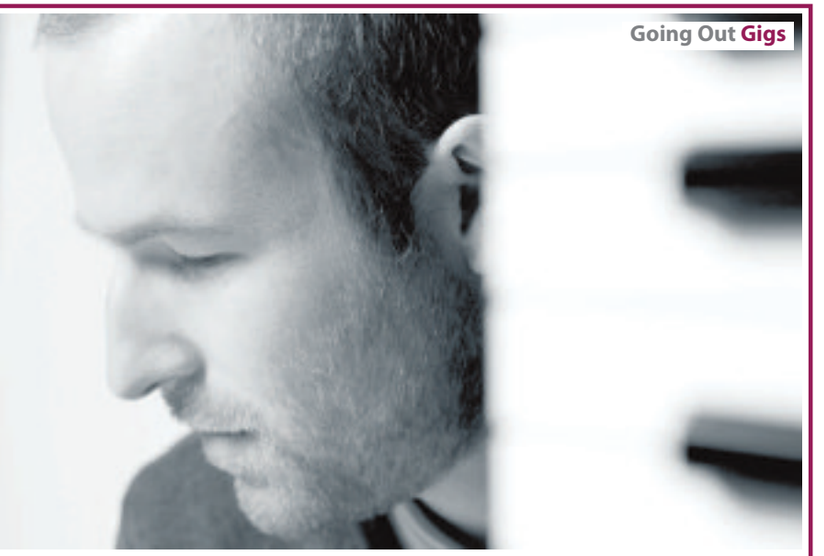
THE St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble is bringing part of a rich Russian musical tradition back to the area this May, with a concert to be held at All Saints Church, Martock, at 7.30pm on Friday, May 25th.

Their programme contrasts sublime, intensely spiritual Russian Orthodox church music with the zest for life and humour of Russian folk songs.

The Ensemble contributes to a renewal of a tradition of Russian unaccompanied singing going back a thousand years, which with its distinctive melodic patterns holds a unique place in the musical culture of the world. The singers are St Petersburg conservatoire trained and their five voices fill an auditorium. On previous UK tours they enchanted audiences with echoing harmonies that appealed to a range of ages and musical tastes. This year they are bringing their music to many places that have not experienced it before.

They gave concerts in Martock four years running, from 2005 to 2008, and the combined audiences exceeded a total of 1,150. With a gap of four years since their last performance here, the Guardians of Martock Church hope that their return will once again fill the church to capacity. Tickets will be £8 on the door, but they may be obtained in advance for £7 from Martock News & Martock Gallery or by telephone from 01935 822706.

The St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble



Going Out **Gigs**

JAZZ WITH FLAIR!

THE Andy Nowak Quartet will be in concert at Ilminster Arts Centre tonight (Friday, May 4th).

Based in London and Bristol, the quartet comprises Andy Nowak (piano), Josh Arcoleo (tenor sax), Will Harris (bass), and Daisy Palmer (drums).

The group focuses on re-workings of standards, as well as original compositions. They have effervescence and flair, and boast an impressive CV including performing with the likes of Jamie Cullum, Lillian Boutte, Art Themen, and Pee Wee Ellis, at venues such as The Royal Festival Hall, The Barbican and Ronnie Scott's. Awards include the 2011 Yamaha Parliamentary Jazz Scholarship and the prestigious Kenny Wheeler Jazz Prize.

The concert starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £12. A pre-show supper is available for £9.50, from 7pm.

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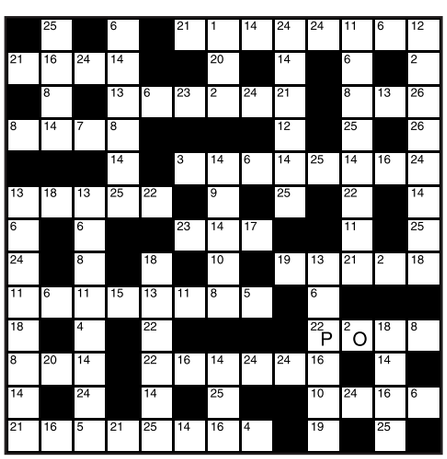

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Solutions April 20th

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. He bases his findings on an investigation of the headquarters! (12)
7. A thousand getting the lady upset in a crazy way (5)
8. Would he use a pitch-fork in his work? (5)
9. Tangled mass of hair lacking lustre, we hear (3)
10. Men once at the top of the building trade? (9)
11. The sort of task that confronts the mountaineers (6)
12. Some of the nuts and raisins for the girl (6)
15. A second hay crop at the farm, maybe (9)
17. Deputise in part of the play (3)
18. On many occasions two and five are used as fractions thus! (5)
19. No hint turns up as an aid to climbers (5)
21. Not conforming to the Rationalist doctrine? (12)

Down

1. Transport for a small charge (12)
2. Spaniard returns to fall asleep (3)
3. Bet on the fellow not being a priest (6)
4. What those who are unwelcome do on their own admission? (4-5)
5. Those who are 21 won't show this feeling (5)
6. Member of the embassy staff who makes news? (5,7)
7. This provides exact agreement for the contest (5)
10. Permissible range of variation shown by patient people (9)
13. Ended all square, as illustrated (5)
14. A temporary settlement by America provides space for students (6)
16. The big man has it in a shade of brown (5)
20. Can come before foil (3)

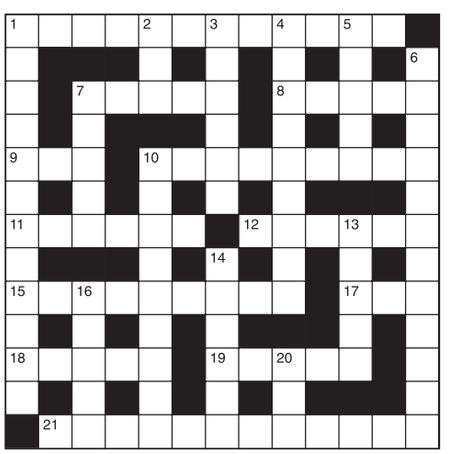
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Damning (12)
7. Sugary (5)
8. Incite (3,2)
9. Be in debt (3)
10. Keep trying (9)
11. Recompenses (6)
12. Happy (6)
15. With utmost speed (9)
17. Row (3)
18. Projecting roof-edge (5)
19. Split (5)
21. Safeguard (12)

Down

1. Map-maker (12)
2. Before (3)
3. Constitution (6)
4. Consequently (9)
5. Rascal (5)
6. Immoderate (12)
7. Repose (5)
10. Grave mental disorder (9)
13. Ancient (5)
14. Money-lender (6)
16. Cut (5)
20. By way of (3)



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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Photography; 9 Ire; 10 Pentagram; 11 Essay; 13 Rancour; 14 Nuance; 16 Stairs; 18 Ingrate; 19 Again; 20 Extra hand; 21 Don; 22 Presumption. Down: 2 Hoe; 3 Tipsy; 4 Gentry; 5 Against; 6 Harmonica; 7 Fire engines; 8 Imprisoning; 12 Slaughter; 15 Cravats; 17 Becalm; 19 Audit; 21 Duo. QUICK - Across: 1 Opprobrious; 9 Bet; 10 Plausible; 11 Tacky; 13 Expanse; 14 Untidy; 16 Advise; 18 Time-lag; 19 Fight; 20 Variegate; 21 Era; 22 Institution. Down: 2 Put; 3 Reply; 4 Brazen; 5 Insipid; 6 Unbending; 7 Obstructive; 8 Deferential; 12 Catamaran; 15 Dullest; 17 Aghast; 19 Fleet; 21 Ego.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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5	6	8	4	2	7	1	3	9
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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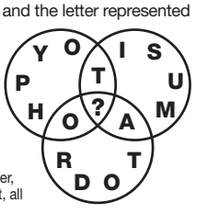

The letter represented by the question mark is P. Pointer, spaniel, whippet, all breeds of dog.

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CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, from 9am-11:30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

SATURDAY MAY 5TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall Quiz & Supper evening, from 7pm. All welcome - come as a team, or join one on the night; prizes awarded for the winning team. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Entrance £7 including supper; quizzes are always popular, so please book in advance by phoning 01460 75380.

ILMINSTER: "Connect the Dots" morning at the Home Energy Centre, 8 Ditton Street, between 10 am and 1 pm. South Somerset Climate Action present a morning of ideas, projects and information on how to reduce your energy bill by at least 1,000 kWh per year, equivalent to one tonne of CO2. Save money, lower your energy use and reduce your carbon emissions! Call 01460 250986 for details.

CHARD: Popular Fayre held in the Guildhall. Various Stalls including hand made knit wear, Records, Crafts and Craft making. Refreshments available. Doors open from 9am until 12.30pm.

BARRINGTON: St Mary & St Peters Primary School Barrington Base May Fair. Starts in field down Water Street in Barrington at 10.30 am where May Queen and King will be crowned and then process to the school for the Fair. Many stalls, Bouncy Castle, BBQ and the usual May Pole dancing display

KINGSTONE, NEAR ILMINSTER: Kingstone May Fair, 11am - 2pm. Free entry, lots of stalls, plant sale, games and competitions, hotdogs and homemade cakes.

MERRIOTT: Meryl's May Day draw and table top sale at the village hall, 2-4pm. Lots of stalls, breeze ballet group, cream teas and grand draw in aid of expedition to South Africa 2013. For more detail call 07885 424588.

CHARD: Vinyl Record Sale at Chard Guildhall 0am-12.30pm. Rock, pop, soul, Tamla, metal and reggae. Rarities and collectables. Records to sell? Bring them along. For more details call 07990 938198.

SATURDAY MAY 5TH TO MONDAY MAY 7TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Whitelackington Art & Craft Fair at Whitelackington Village Hall 10 am to 5pm. Admission 50p. Refreshments available. In aid of Hall restoration funds.

TUESDAY MAY 8TH

ILMINSTER: Ile Valley Flower Clubs open evening presents a 'Floral Odyssey' by Jayne Edmunds a NAFAS National Demonstrator. At the Warehouse Theatre. Tickets £10 from Lanes Garden Shop or by calling 01460 75025 / 77233. Refreshments and a sales table will be available.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70? Would you like a laugh, a lunch and generally enjoy yourself? If so, come to The Henhayes Centre from 10am until 2.30pm. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Transport can be arranged.
Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Community Centre from 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes.

WEDNESDAY MAY 9TH - SATURDAY MAY 12TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents 'Cheshire Cats' a comedy by Gail Young at theVictoria Hall, 7:30pm nightly.
Tickets £6.50 (£6 concessions), available from 01460 74380. Supporting the charity Walk the Walk.

THURSDAY MAY 10TH

YARCOMBE: Devon Moviola, in association with Yarcombe Film Night, present 'My Week With Marilyn' (15 cert), starring Michelle Williams and Kenneth Branagh. Shown at the village hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £5 and are available by calling 01404 861386 or 01404 861541. Refreshments will be available.

CREWKERNE: Over 50 and want to enjoy keeping fit? Come to The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for Over 50's Keep Fit from 10am to 11am. £3 session (members £2).

CREWKERNE: St Bart's FSA Dress and Accessort Sale at St Bartholomew's First School, Kithill from 6pm. Free admission.

FRIDAY MAY 11TH

CLAPTON: Luncheon Club at the Village Hall, from 12noon for 12:30pm start. All welcome, but please book your place by phoning 01460 77057.

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne... 9am –11.30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

WHITELACKINGTON: Quiz night at the village hall from 7.30pm.

SATURDAY MAY 12TH

BARRINGTON: Plant Sale in the Village Hall, from 10am-12noon. A wide variety of plants for sale plus a cake stall and refreshments. No entry fee. Everyone
welcome. For more info ring Penny on 01460 53323.

CHARD: May Masked Ball at the Guildhall, from 7pm-12 midnight. Organised by Chard & District Carnival Committee. Live entertainment. Bar available. Tickets £25 (£20 each for tables of ten). Includes three course dinner. Collect order forms from Tourist Information, Sue's Flowers and Chard Garden Centre. In support of Headway Somerset and the RNLI.

DOWLISH, NEAR ILMINSTER: Plant Sale at the Pavilion - The Lawrence Kellett Playing Field. 10am-12noon. Plants, cakes, jams, books, bric-a-brac, clothes (nearly new), raffle and refreshments. Entrance £1 includes coffee/tea/biscuits. All proceeds to everyday running costs of St Andrew's Church

ILMINSTER: Sale in the Market Square from 9am. All proceeds for Ferne Animal Sanctuary. Plants, bric-a-brac, books, jigsaw puzzles, cakes, marmalade etc. Any donations of cat or dog food, or cakes, plants etc welcome on the morning. Call 01460 52993 for more details.

CHARD: Chard Family Information day at Chard Guildhall 9.30am-12noon. Organised by Action for Children.

TUESDAY MAY 15TH

CHARD: MAKE & MUNCH with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. For parents and carers with their pre-school age children (0-4). 10.15am-12.45pm. No need to book, just come along and it's FREE. Held at the Scout Hut, Essex Road (behind Co-op car park). Telephone Sue: 01297 631782 for more info.

CHARD: Film: The Iron Lady. Presented by Screen at the Guildhall, at The Guildhall, Fore Street. Doors open 7pm, for 7.30pm start. Visitors £5 at the door.

MOSTERTON: Mosterton Gardening Club Annual Quiz in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Teams of 4, £6.

FRIDAY MAY 18TH & SATURDAY MAY 19TH

CHARD: Royal British Legion in association with CLOS present 'To The Green Fields Beyond' at the Guildhall, Fore Street from 7.30pm each night. Tickets £8 available from Barrons on Holyrood Street.

SATURDAY MAY 19TH

CREWKERNE: Peace Vigil in front of the Victoria Hall, from 11am-12noon.

YEOVIL: 2 choirs for the price of 1: Stanchester Quire and Barley Rye Community Choir at the Baptist Church, South Street at 7pm. Tickets £5 available on the door. For more details call 01404 861256.

MOSTERTON: Plant Sale at the village hall from 10am-12noon

CHARD: Manor Court foundation unit Open Morning, 10am-12noon. Play activities for children available with a chance for parents to look around, ask questions and meet staff. At Manor Court Primary School.

SUNDAY MAY 20TH

CLAPTON MILL, NEAR CREWKERNE: Mill Open Afternoon 2-5pm. Tours and cream teas. Telephone 01460 72142 for more details.

TUESDAY MAY 22ND

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a public meeting in the Minster Rooms, from 7:30 pm.
All welcome - entry £3 including tea/coffee. James Nash will talk about the work of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital - the only charitable provider of ophthalmic services to the Palestinian people of East Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23RD

TATWORTH: Hand Made Cosmetics Craft Class at the Memorial Hall, from 1pm-5pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. Telephone 01460 220198 for more information.

THURSDAY MAY 24TH

SOUTH PETHERTON: Valuation Morning with Lawrence's Auctioneers of Crewkerne at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church. Experts in attendance cover the following categories: Decorative Arts + Collectors, Jewellery, Silver & Pictures. Entrance fee £5 for 3 items, or £3 for 1 item. Refreshments available. All proceeds to Church Funds. For more details call 01460 241143.

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk

Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

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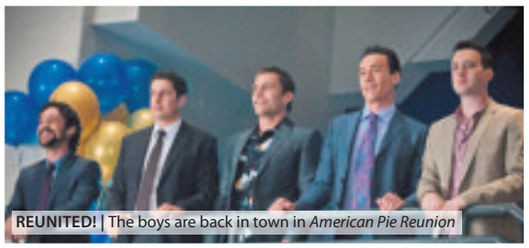
Going Out Film

This week's new releases



REUNITED! | The boys are back in town in *American Pie Reunion*

AMERICAN PIE REUNION 15

THE latest instalment off the American Pie series.

Over a decade has passed and the gang return to East Great Falls, Michigan, for the weekend. They will discover how their lives have developed as they gather for their high school reunion. How has life treated Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), Jim (Jason Biggs), Heather (Mena Suvari), Oz (Chris Klein), Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas), Vicky (Tara Reid), Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas), Stifler (Seann William Scott), and Stifler's mom (Jennifer Coolidge)?

In the summer of 1999, it was four boys on a quest to lose their virginity. Now Kara is a cute high school senior looking for the perfect guy to lose her virginity to.

SAFE 15

A FORMER elite agent (Jason Statham) takes on a two-tier mission: rescue a Chinese girl, Mei (Catherine Chan), who has been abducted by the Triads, then use a highly desired safe combination to outwit the Russian Mafia, corrupt NYC officials, and the Triads themselves.

THE LUCKY ONE 12A

LOGAN (Zac Efron), a Marine, travels to Louisiana after serving three tours in Iraq and searches for the unknown woman he believes was his good luck charm during the war.

Also stars Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner and Jay R. Ferguson.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST IN 3D U

BELLE is a girl who is dissatisfied with life in a small provincial French town, constantly trying to fend off the misplaced "affections" of conceited Gaston. The Beast is a prince who was placed under a spell because he could not love. A wrong turn taken by Maurice, Belle's father, causes the two to meet.

Disney classic remastered in 3D, with voices from Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson and Angela Lansbury.

SILENT HOUSE 15

TRAPPED inside her family's lakeside retreat, a young woman finds she is unable to contact the outside world as events become increasingly ominous in and around the house.

Stars Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese and Eric Sheffer Stevens.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

Every Sunday 10:30 am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday morning 9:30am & 11:30am
SLIMMING WORLD
Lose weight the extra easy way.
Come along and find out how

Every other Wednesday, next meeting 9th May
10:30am - 12:30pm
MEMORY CAFE
Friendly and informal gathering for information, support and social contact for people affected by dementia

Every Wednesday (Somerset School term only
7:30pm - 9:15pm
MEETING VOICES in the Town Hall
Song workshops for all "if you can speak you can sing".
Come and join us

Every Thursday, 9am - 2pm
ANTIQUES FAIR
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THURSDAYS 8am - 2pm **CAFÉ OPEN**

Saturday 5th May
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Saturday 5th May 9am - 12:30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission free, refreshments available

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th May
BLOOD DONORS - Will be taking place in The Guildhall

Saturday 12th May
'May Masked Ball'
Presented by Chard and District Carnival Committee in support of Headway Somerset and RNLI. Tickets cost £25 per person (tables of 10 only £20 per person) includes a three course meal and live entertainment, Bar available. Menu and booking forms available from Chard Tourist Information Centre.
Dress code Lounge suits - Mask Optional.

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
Chard Town Council, The Guildhall, Chard
Tel: 01460 239 567
WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, April 27th - Thursday, May 3rd

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Avengers Assemble *in 3D* 12A
Fri, Wed & Thu: 12.40, 14.50, 15.50, 18.00, 19.00, 20.30, 21.15
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 12.40, 15.50, 18.00, 19.00, 20.30, 21.15
Mon: 11.40, 12.40, 14.50, 15.50, 18.00, 19.00, 21.15
Tue: 14.50, 18.00, 20.30, 21.15

Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 12A
Fri, Tue-Thu: 13.00, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Sat-Mon: 15.20, 17.50, 20.20

Marley 15
Tue: 13.45, 17.00, 20.15

Avengers Assemble *in 2D* 12A
Daily: 13.20, 16.30, 19.45

Silent House 15
Daily: 12.50, 15.00, 17.10, 19.20, 21.25
Plus Sat-Mon: 10.40am

Beauty and the Beast U
Daily: 14.00, 16.10, 18.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.50am

Safe 15
Daily: 14.30, 16.50, 19.10, 21.30
Plus Sat-Mon: 12.10

American Pie: Reunion 15
Daily: 14.40, 17.20, 18.20, 20.00, 21.00, Plus Sat-Mon: 12.00

The Lucky One 12A
Daily: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 20.50
Plus Sat-Mon: 11.00am

Mirror Mirror PG
Sat-Mon: 10.50, 13.10

Pirates! In A Adventure With Scientists U *in 2D* U
Daily: 13.50, 16.10
Plus Sat & Mon: 11.30am

Puss In Boots U Sat: 10.00am

The Lion King U Sat: 10.10am

The Smurfs U Sat: 10.20am

TAUNTON ODEON

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www.odeon.co.uk

American Pie: Reunion 15
Daily: 13.15, 15.50, 17.25, 18.30, 20.15, 21.10 (Excl 18.30)

Beauty and the Beast *in 2D* U
Fri, Tue-Thu: 14.45
Sat-Mon: 10.20, 12.35, 14.45

Beauty and the Beast *in 3D* U
Daily: 13.45, 16.00, 18.15
Plus Sat-Mon: 11.15am

Big Miracle PG
Sat-Mon: 10.10am

Marley 15
Tue: 20.30

Avengers Assemble 12A *in 2D*
Daily: 15.40, 19.00
Plus Sat-Mon: 12.25

Avengers Assemble 2A *in 3D*
Fri, Wed: 13.30, 14.30, 16.40, 17.45, 20.00, 21.00
Sat-Mon: 10.30, 11.30, 13.30, 14.30, 16.40, 17.45, 20.00, 21.00
Tue, Thu: 13.30, 14.30, 16.40, 20.00, 21.00

Mirror Mirror PG
Sat-Mon: 11.00am

Safe 15
Daily: 17.00, 19.10, 21.20

Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 12A
Fri-Mon: 15.00, 20.30, Tue: 15.00

The Lucky One 12A
Fri-Tue, Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.45
Plus Sat-Mon: 10.40am
Wed: 13.00, 15.30, 20.45

Pirates! In A Adventure With Scientists U *in 2D*
Sat, Mon: 10.50, 12.50, Sun: 12.50

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Broad Street, Lyme Regis
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www.scottcinemas.co.uk

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Plus Sat-Mon: 15.00

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To apply contact the Reception at Warner Holidays Ltd, Cricket St Thomas on 01460 30111 to request an application form.

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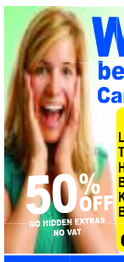

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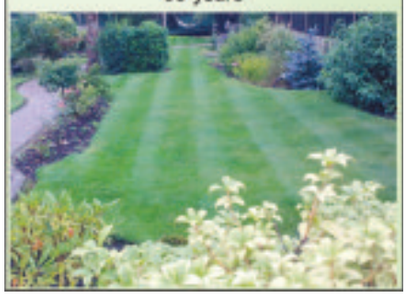

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Any spare change, sir?

NEW research released today shows that motorists are ill-prepared for a puncture, with an astonishing 1.3 million (4%) drivers admitting they don't even know whether they have a spare wheel or not.

The study, carried out for Kwik Fit, the UK's largest automotive repair company, found that a million (3%) motorists confess to not having any provision whatsoever for a flat tyre. With an estimated 8.8 million (26%) drivers suffering a puncture each year, this could lead to a quarter of a million cars being stranded at the roadside in the next 12 months.

And it's not just the rubber that's missing in some cars – 10% (2.9 million) of drivers who do carry a spare say they don't have the necessary tools in their car to change it over should a tyre blow. 36% (11.6 million) have the tools but admit they don't know how to use them when it comes to swapping over a wheel. 6% (1.8 million) are short on both fronts and have neither the equipment nor knowledge to get a new wheel on.

There also seems to be confusion as a result of car manufacturers no longer offering full size spares as standard on some vehicles. One in ten motorists (3.3 million) who have a spare don't know whether it's a full-size spare or a low-speed space-saver, which could prove hazardous if a blowout happens on a long motorway journey.

Some manufacturers offer neither a full size spare or a space saver, instead providing drivers with a puncture repair kit. Over 4 million drivers (11%) have a puncture repair kit but the vast majority of them (3 million) don't rely on the kit alone and also carry a spare, ensuring they are prepared for a double puncture.

Roger Griggs, communications director at Kwik Fit, said: "The recent trend amongst car manufacturers to offer space-saver spares or puncture repair kits instead of full-size spare tyres could be the cause of this confusion amongst motorists. It's is worrying how many drivers don't know what provision they have for a puncture, but it's even more of a concern to see how many have absolutely nothing in their car to deal with a deflated tyre.

"For those who have recently bought a second hand car it's also important that they assess the condition of the spare – there could be damage that isn't obvious at a glance, and if it hasn't been checked in a while it's likely to be underinflated.

"There are clearly gaps in knowledge around how to change a tyre, and indeed many cars are missing tools, which means even if a spare is carried some motorists will struggle to swap it over. Changing a wheel is a skill that all drivers should have, and if anyone isn't confident enough to do so they can visit their local Kwik Fit centre and the team will happily walk them through it."

Kwik Fit is currently offering 25% off the price of all tyres in its centres, so there's never been a better time for drivers to get their tyres checked or changed, and of course, not forgetting the spare.

Smartphone apps creating more distraction for young drivers

Recent survey findings from RoadSafe member ingenie®, the car insurance brand for young drivers, reveal that 58% of 17-25 year old drivers agree that smartphone apps are causing young people to be more distracted at the wheel.

Ingenie (http://www.ingenie.com) commissioned the survey of 1,000 young drivers, conducted by One Poll, which has uncovered the extent of how smartphones andsocial media are distracting 17-25 year olds when behind the wheel.

The latest ingenie survey revealed:

- Over 40% admitted to answering their phones while driving without a hands-free set
- 44% said they had sent a text message, and 62% said they had read a message while they were driving
- 1 in 6 male drivers under 25 has crashed due to mobile phone usage at the wheel
- One third of under 25s who use Facebook on their phone admitted to using it whilst driving
- 18% of under 25s who have Draw Something on their phone have played the game whilst driving – 17% for Angry Birds
- Hands-free kits encourage 53% more young drivers to make longer calls at the wheel (longer than 5 minutes)

The results collected from the survey suggest that the increasing range of apps and functionality available on mobile devices is contributing to young driver distraction - even mobile games, which take a high level of concentration are taking young people's attention away from the roads.

On the growing range of dangerous distractions created by smartphones, ingenie founder and CEO Richard King said, "We're in the middle of a perfect storm, where the rapid growth of social media and mobile is creating a new breed of in-car distraction. We're increasingly using smartphones to occupy ourselves during down time, but driving is an active pursuit and it really does need our full attention. As well as not texting or making calls, we should all pledge not to tweet, update our status or be tempted by anything else our phone has to offer whilst driving."

King added, "At ingenie we're doing our bit to prevent distraction – we won't send driver feedback messages to your mobile if we know the ignition is on, and when our contact centre makes outbound calls, the first question they'll ask is 'are you driving?'"

ingenie commissioned the survey ahead of its #DontDriveDistracted campaign on Twitter to reduce road crashes related to driver distraction. The campaign launches on Friday 27th April with celebrity supporters Gary Lineker, Omid Djalili and Williams F1 Team driver Bruno Senna – each making a pledge to cut out distracting behaviour behind the wheel. For each person who makes a pledge on Twitter to not drive distracted, ingenie will donate £1 to RoadSafe to be used by RoadSafe to help reduce road deaths and injuries by encouraging innovation for the safe design and use of roads and vehicles.

Gary Lineker, Omid Djalili and Bruno Senna have each recorded their own video pledge, found at http://www.ingenie.com/distraction. Drivers across the UK can then either make a similar pledge, or write their own, and contribute to ingenie's donation to RoadSafe.

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Rain disrupts early bowls fixtures

Top honour for umpire Angie

ILMINSTER bowler Angie Watkins has been selected as one of only three umpires from the UK and 10 from Europe to officiate at the month-long World Bowls Championships in Australia beginning in November.

SEVERALLS
with Pru Robbins

On Saturday our visitors were Chard in a four-rink friendly triples match.

Despite the morning being wet and windy we managed to complete the 18 ends although the weather was most unpleasantly cold.

We won on two rinks and lost on the other two winning overall by 17 shots 73–56.

Rink scores: L.Freeman, Alec Larcombe & Ann Larcombe 15 M.Lancelott 21. B.Turner, M.Rawe & D.Wallis 31 F.Herrick 5. Jackie Stacey, A.Dow & John Stacey 6 M.Nicolas 16. P.Loaring, M.Gilbert & B.Gilbert 21 D.Lawrence 14.

The following day our away league match at Sherborne was cancelled due to the appalling weather.

CHARD
with Penny Herrick

CHARD played against Crewkerne Severalls Jubilee Club on Saturday.

It was a grey day with sporadic rain showers but that didn't deter these bowlers who played this friendly game of triples over 18 ends.

Chard won on two rinks as did Severalls, but the hosts won overall by 73 shots to Chard's 56.

■ **SOGGY START:** South Petherton's 80th anniversary season got off to a wet start but the club did manage to beat the Somerset Patrons by 115 shots to 66.

Flory: 'We can build on this'

CHARD Town manager Nik Flory gave ***The Weekender*** an an exclusive 'Summary of the season' after his first year in the hot-seat at Zembard Lane,

Flory said: "It was a fantastic effort from everyone not just on the playing field, but everyone who is involved with the club, the belief, support and effort got us that tremendous sixth place finish.

"It was a tough start to the season with no win in our first four games and bowing out of both the Vase and FA Cup at the first hurdle. But we were still finding our feet and the right team and formation.

"As soon as we got our first win and the confidence grew we played some really good football and stayed in the top eight from October onwards, credit to the lads for doing this."

Most memorable match? "Three actually – being 2-0 at Bradford and coming back to 2-2 and almost pinching the game.

"This was the first time we had come back in a game like that and against a very good side, it showed what my side were all about – a never-say-die attitude, belief and the ability to still win games

"The second was Keynsham at home – 2-0 down at half- time but we went on to win 3-2.

"The second-half display was probably our most complete attacking performance of the season we were outstanding!

"Finally the last home game of the season versus Cadbury Heath, in front of a good crowd we more than matched the new champions and we deserved the win only for a 90th minute dubious penalty giving them the share of the points."

Lessons learnt? "We just need to kill games off when in front, but this comes with the experience of playing and we are a very young side that will just get better and better.

"Adam (Fricker, player/assistant-manager) and I are planning for next season but we just need to tie a few things up, on and off the field, before we commit to next season.

"But all in all as I said before, it was a great season and effort from everyone and hopefully we can build on this for next season."

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cadbury Heath	36	25	9	2	88	34	83
Melksham Utd	36	24	6	6	77	42	78
Calne Town	36	21	7	8	60	34	70
Gillingham Tn	35	21	6	8	87	52	69
Bradford Town	36	16	10	10	72	44	58
CHARD TOWN	36	15	7	14	62	54	52
Welton Rovers	36	14	8	14	61	57	49

It's a family affair

WINNING the North Perrott Cricket Club mini skittles league was a family affair for brothers Josh (17) and George (15) and their dad Julian Marshall-James. But no one can say that they won it with 'relative' ease!

Together with Steve Cox, their 'Lite Beers' team had to beat their closest rivals, 'Mind the Gap', in the last match of the season, going on to clinch the title by just three points.

Seven teams took part in the league which ran from early February to the end of April.

The trophy, and a prize of £100, were presented to the winning team by the league's organiser, Claire Burns.

■ **FAMILY FIRST:** Lite Beers, from left: Julian and George Marshall-James, Steve Cox and Josh Marshall-James

SOMERSET SENIOR FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Rockin' Robins! Chard Reserves promoted

SOMERSET LEAGUE
Division One

CHARLIE Rutter took his recent goal tally to four in three games with a double as **Ilminster Town** took a step closer to a return to the Somerset League premier Division with a 3-0 win at rivals Cleeve West Town.

Rutter's double was bisected by a Sam Maxwell penalty as the Blues cruised home.

Tuesday's scheduled trip to Brislington Reserves was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. Next up for Darren Manley's side is tomorrow's trip to Street who currently sit one place below them in third spot.

This is followed by a Bank Holiday Monday's visit by lowly Winscombe in the final home game of the campaign.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston St John	32	18	3	11	75	56	57
ILMINSTER T	30	16	7	7	64	39	55
Street	32	17	5	10	53	41	55*
Larkhall Ath	32	16	6	10	64	54	54
Yatton Ath	31	16	5	10	79	54	53

(max 34 games - top three promoted)

Division Two (west)

COMBE St Nicholas returned from title rivals with a valuable point after Adam Tovey and Dan Collins scored the goals in a 2-2 draw.

With five teams still in with a chance of filling the two promotion places the season is set for an exciting finale.

■ **IN FORM:** Charlie Rutter

The Saints must wait until May 12th and a trip to mid-table Portishead Reserves to see if they can clinch a place in Division One.

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrington Red	25	15	6	4	68	28	51
COMBE St NIC	25	15	4	6	49	30	49
Banwell	25	15	3	7	54	39	48
Wells City Res	25	14	4	7	46	30	46
Churchill Club	24	12	9	3	59	31	45

(max 26 games - top two promoted)

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
Division Two

CHARD Town duly clinched their second successive promotion witha 7-1 thrashing of University last Saturday.

Top-scorer Greg Channing led the way with a hat-trick with the others coming from Gareth Fooks (2), Joe Carbin, and Luke Finn.

The Robins' successful management duo of Darren Stewart and assistant Rich Evans will however being standing down at the end of the season.

Anybody interested in taking up the reins should contact club secretary Mike Hawes on 01460 67730 or michael.hawes2@virgin.net

Table (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tiverton Rs (C)	26	22	1	2	91	27	68
CHARD RES (P)	27	17	6	4	61	28	57
Sidmouth Res	27	14	4	9	54	46	46
Topsham Town	25	14	3	8	62	32	45

(max 28 games)

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UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in local cricket scene? Who have you played for ?

A I came down from Petersfield in Hampshire in 1999 and Fred Eames asked me to start playing cricket for Chardstock in 2000. I have played mainly for Chardstock for most of the time but have had the odd game for Broadway, Kilmington, All Saints and Buckland.

Q Who are the best three players you've played alongside so far, and why?

A The best players that I have played with since I have been down here are **Richard Pyman** - an ex-England B player, **Robbie Hutchings** who was the Ilminster captain last year, and **James Hayden** and **Nathan Copp** who are my mates and have played with me at the club for quite a while?

Q What's the best away ground you've played at?

A Taunton St Andrews where the Somerset 2nd XI play. It's nearly as good as our home ground!

Q Do any games stick in your memory?

A The game that I remember most was about two years ago at Ilton in the wednesday night league - we beat them by 2 runs, it went down to the last ball.

Q How would you improve things at Chardstock CC?

A I would not want to change much as there are such beautiful views from there but perhaps it would be nice to loose the slope.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A Jack Larcombe and the Pyman boys - James, Ed and Jack.

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SCRUM-DOWN RUGBY review of the season

with Keith Jenkin

Chard and Crewkerne set to build

AT this time of the year I generally spend some time explaining just why things that I have hinted might just come to pass in the future, on the local rugby scene, have in fact not done so.

I have to say however that I am inclined to give myself a little pat on the back when referring to the CHARD first side.

I distinctly remember committing to print 12 months ago that I felt they were capable of making an impact in the Western Counties (North) division. I did not in my wildest dreams however, realise just how big that impact was going to be.

They were promoted into the division after winning a play-off and would have entered the fray "in fear and trembling" rather, as all newly promoted teams do. In fact I got the impression that they might just have felt a little more comfortable had they been promoted into the Western section in view of the fact that they knew more about the clubs that were competing in that one.

They had no choice in the matter however and duly entertained Gordon League in the first game, winning it comfortably enough. I watched that one and I remember leaving the ground thinking "Not bad for starters".

They suffered a reversal immediately afterwards however, going down narrowly at Old Centralians, a side that was to be glued to their coat tails throughout the second half of the season.

At this stage their most partisan supporter would not have considered it at all likely that they would remain unbeaten for the remainder of 2011, but that is exactly what happened.

It was not all plain sailing by any manner of means, and they played the good old "Get out of Jail" card on one or two occasions.

They had some notable wins too however, such as that against the threatening Matson side at home. A second reversal came narrowly at Barton Hill towards the end of January, although that result was in part, nullified by Centralians losing on the same afternoon. Chard had, by now, emerged as the league's front runners and were there to be shot at by all. They held their nerve and trusted their method however, and importantly continued to work hard. They did not have the easiest of run ins either and knew that they could not afford too many slip ups if they were to emerge as champions.

In fact they lost just once more, when an outstanding defensive performance by Matson denied them, and the season ended as it had begun, when a comfortable win at Gordon League in the reverse fixture of the season's first game put the issue beyond doubt, and they emerged as champions and will compete at the highest level the club has achieved so far when they enter the South West Division (West) in September.

What does it take for any side to achieve promotion in successive seasons? I would suggest the following:

1. Good players with good skill levels, 2. Better fitness levels than any opponents, 3. A good spirit within the dressing room,4. An overall willingness to improve.

It would appear that Chard have all these in abundance and, while he can only "dress the players up and sent them out"

I would suggest that coach Steve Broome's contribution to the success of the last two seasons has been pivotal.

Skipper Mark Parsons has played an important part also and I am sure that his colleagues much prefer him to be on the field rather than sidelined with injury.

He engenders higher stress levels in himself when watching a rugby game in which his team is involved than any one else I have ever seen.

Rugby football is very much a team game however and the "team idiom" should be extended well beyond the players, and should include tea ladies and dressing room sweepers to name a few. All have played a part and all should take some credit for the club's success.

It was important for the Chard club that its second side did not get left behind as the playing level of its first side improved, and

■ **LED FROM THE FRONT**: Chard skipper Mark Parsons *Photo by KEITH RENDELL*

they also joined the promotion party. To my mind, a club's successful first side often rides on the back of a successful second team and it was important that Chard seconds achieved promotion from the Somerset League Division Two (South).

They started their season with several comfortable wins, and in fact their first real test came when they faced near neighbours Crewkerne at home. They scraped home in this one 23-17 only to endure something of a shock a couple of weeks later when they lost to their North Petherton counterparts, who were also going well at this stage.

Their winning ways resumed and they and North Petherton seconds had pulled clear at the top of the table by January. On the last Saturday in January however they were beaten 8-5 at Henhayes and at that time it looked odds on that they would have to gain promotion via a play off.

They responded in mid February by beating their main rivals on their own paddock however and remained unbeaten for the rest of their campaign.

It was tight at the top however and North Petherton would have been disappointed to lose their final game. In the end Chard seconds had to win their last match to gain promotion as champions. This they did with some comfort, and joined the promotion party.

The Chard third side are a happy band. They compete in the Somerset Division Three (South). Do not take life too seriously, but provide a very useful introduction into league rugby for the young and uninitiated.

In fact, one gets the impression that if they rolled their sleeves up and flexed their muscles, they could win a promotion place.

As it was they ended the season in the division's third place, with promotion not being an option. They had a lot of fun however, and made a few chums along the way.

What happens next season for the Chard club? I remember saying 12 months ago that I thought that the Chard first side had the wherewithal to make an impact in its new division. I will reiterate that sentiment, and will this time include the seconds and thirds also.

There is work to be done however and no one will be more aware of that than one Mr Broome.

CREWKERNE are certainly on the up after a few years in the doldrums. Under the proactive captaincy of Luke Hill they started the season with the avowed intent of getting promoted from The Somerset league Division Two (South) where they played their rugby.

Emerging clubs do tend to suffer from the occasional inconsistency however, and they were no different. In the end they ended the season in third place, although they had thrown Chard's promotion bid off course, albeit temporarily, along the way, and had also come close to cramping North Petherton's style, going down to them by a single point.

They do suffer from the fact that local schools do not play the dame, but they are doing something to combat that.

They now have a mini rugby section and, with their new club house at Henhayes being in the course of completion, those terrible things "the green shoots of recovery" are becoming very evident.

They are a side that has improved as the season has progressed, and will I think continue to do so, for they are, predominantly anyway, a young outfit.

They plan to enter a second side in league division three next season and, if their progress continues, they may well be vying for a promotion place next term.

The Jenkin 50 pence piece has not yet been placed to wager on them doing so, but the matter is under real consideration.

So! The 2011/2012 season has now ended. Mark Parsons can now spend considerable time in a Radox bath and, in general, players can get used to being without bruises.

Next season promises to be a most interesting one for both local sides, and the first league games of the 2012/2013 season take place, I think, on September 1st. Until then, have a good summer.

cricket preview

Garaway boost

A DAMP weekend meant that both of **Crewkerne CC**'s friendlies against Buckland St Mary and Chardstock were cancelled owing to waterlogged wickets at each of the opponents grounds.

Whilst the bad weather has meant a lack of match time for pre-season preparations, Club Secretary Hamish Hodder was very upbeat about the upcoming season he said: "Everyone has been training really hard at the club's net/practice sessions since the start of February. The arrival of Sam Garaway, with his coaching expertise and huge enthusiasm for the game, has made a big difference bringing both structure and a general improvement in net application by every player who's attended."

Concerning the coming season in Dorset League Division 5 North & West, Hodder said: "It was vitally important to keep the nucleus of players who've all played key roles in the club's recent revival, as we are starting to develop a good team spirit in the camp.

"But it was also very important to bring in a few extra, good quality and experienced cricketers, to keep the club moving forward and improve the strength in depth, which we feel we have certainly done with a few good quality new additions.

"We certainly expect to be very competitive in Division 5 North & West and feel we will give all the sides in the league a run for their money.

"With the under 14s side also running this year we genuinely believe some of the youngsters in the under 14s side will also be knocking on the door of the league team, giving our league captain Ashley Lawrence plenty of selection options for the season."

Crewkerne's first league fixture is tomorrow as they take the trip down the coast to Abbotsbury. Skipper Lawrence has a selection headache, with plenty of options, even though Nick Keylock, Jon Gould and Jonny Crease are unavailable.

Geoff Carr, Ross Wetherall and Robbie James are injury doubts but may feature. Both Tom Briggs and Richard Keylock will play their first league matches for Crewkerne for a number of years with both rejoining the Saturday league side following spells at other clubs.

Squad; A Lawrence (captain), N Bodger, Steve Briggs, T Briggs, G Carr, S Cooper, R Cornelius, M Culpitt, S Garaway, R James, Richard Keylock, Rob Keylock, F Medley, P Palfrey, D Parsons, S Rowswell, R Wetherall

All selected players to meet at Wadham School at 12.30pm or Abbotsbury at 1.30pm for a 2pm start.

On Sunday Geoff Gould's Presidents XI take on Ashley Lawrence's Captain's XI. A mixture of young and old are likely to feature in this fixture which is a 2.30pm start down at Henhayes. All selected players need to be down at the ground by 2pm.

Rockey's Roll up to top spot

THE presentation night for Diviosn Two teams from the Ilminster & District Skittles League was held at the Royal Oak, Ilminster - home of Divisional champions 'Rockys Rollers'.

The trophies were kindly presented by Shane Hooper, player, captain and supporter of the league who is also son of the late Mr Brian Hooper who was also a very keen skittler and league official.

The Division Two championship trophy was presented to the the Rocky's Rollers captain Ian Finlay as well as momentos to all the players.

Runners-up were The Ashill boys and the R/Up trophy was presented to Captain Robbie Robson.

Also, a Nomination Pairs competition was run for Division 1+2 players. Thirteen teams entered with the Royal Oak Faces pairing of Neil Jenkins & Daniel Whaites hitting a combined score of 53 to win the competition. 9694

Runners-up were The Hatch Beagles pairing of Phil Dibble & Pete Marks who hit 37.

Another trophy was presented for the Highest Individual score in Division Two. This was won by Rob Bool with 63 from the Wyndham Clangers and was received by Captain Tom Lucas on his behalf.

The league officials would like to thank Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak for their hospitality for the evening and players and teams for their support in 2011/12 season.

In addition, the league would like to thank its sponsors - Mike Drayton Plumbing Services, Ashill Inn, Rose Mills Print, KRM Plumbing & Heating, Vidigraph web design and Donyatt Sports Ltd for their kind sponsorship and support.

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skittles Crewkerne

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	21	190
Disney	21	180
Head Hunters	21	168
Super Sexy Six	21	160
Coachmen	21	143
Muddled Men	21	133
The Fryers	21	121
Royal Oak Drimpn	21	101
King Willy Dogs	21	98
Rug Rats	21	77
Football Club	21	72
Rollers	21	69

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Nomads	19	128
Stray Cats	19	122
Swan Fokkers	19	119
Skimmers	19	119
Sports 92	19	117
Concorde	19	116
Pinbusters	20	115
Loud & Proud	19	112
Brewers Bees	19	110
Raptors	19	110
Perrott Monkeys	19	92

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Club Fixers	19	162
Con Club Legnds	19	144
Merriott Men	19	131
Willy Low Flyers	20	123
Muppets	18	120*
Beer Leg Boys	19	117
The Numpties	18	99
Hung Like Horses	19	98
Sandbaggers	19	97
Kings Head B	19	79
Chis Colts	19	69

**6pts deducted*

■ **WINNERS:** Division Two winners Rockey's Rollers pictured with the Championship trophy.

■ **DEADLY DUO**: Shane Hooper (centre) presents the Nomination pairs Shield to Danny Whaites (left) and Neil Jenkins.

■ **SILVER MEDAL POSITION**: The Ashill Boys receive the league runners-up trophy.

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the Perry Street League

Dowlish sunk by extra-time spot-kick

Friday, April 27th
TOMMY TABBERER CUP FINAL
DOWLISH & DONYATT 1 UPLYME 2 AET
(*at Lyme Regis FC*)

FITTINGLY it was record club goalscorer Gavin Fowler who held his nerve to bury a 102nd minute penalty past experienced Dowlish & Donyatt 'keeper Jamie Lee to land the 50th anniversary Tommy Tabberer cup for Uplyme.

In front of a crowd numbering almost 200, the first-half of the final at the Davey Fort was a cagey affair of few chances. Uplyme went closest with Lee bravely coming out to deny Adam Neale in a one-on-one opportunity in injury time.

Dowlish went close five minutes after the restart with a volley on the turn from skipper Lee Mears that brought a good save from Lloyd Cleal.

A minute later a Sam Jones cross at the other end reached the unmarked Paul Sampson at the far post but the defender's tame side footed effort was easily cleared.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 64th minute when a Jones free-kick was clinically volleyed home by Neale from 10 yards.

Dowlish responded with a Mears flick header from a corner being hacked off the line by Stuart King.

The Somerset side went up a gear with time drifting away and leveled with a strike that was worthy of any cup final.

■ TOM EVANS (Dowlish & Donyatt)

Mears pounced on a loose ball to expertly smash home a low left-foot volley that fizzed into the bottom corner from the edge of the area to give Cleal no chance.

Dowlish almost stole the win in the dying embers of normal time when the influential Mears drilled a hopeful volley into the area to 26-goal top-scorer Andy North who reacted superbly to guide a header goalwards. But Cleal was equally alert and reached up to tip the ball onto the crossbar.

A minute into the extra half-hour Fowler finally broke the shackles of defender Tom Evans but his crisp shot was clawed out of the top corner by Lee.

The winner came when Jones, the best player on show, was needlessly upended in the box. Fowler stepped up and guided the spot-kick in the bottom left hand corner sending Lee the wrong way.

Midway through the second period Cleal made two good point-blank stops as the ball pinballed around the Swallows six-yard box.

If Jones was the Uplyme star performer then his equal in the Dowlish line-up was Evans. But It was unfortunate to see the centre-back shown a second yellow card by referee Paul Spurrell in the 118th minute.

■ DALE WOOD (Crewkerne Town)

Uplyme deservedly saw out the remaining seconds to lift the trophy for the second time in their history.

Dowlish can however turn their minds to Monday's Jack Venn Cup Final against Thorncombe at Combe.

Dowlish & Donyatt squad: *Jamie Lee, Matt james, Jon Watkins, Steve Usher, Lighton Cox, Nathan Doey, Chris Butler, James Dobbs, Matt Vinall, Chris Lang, Gavin Babb, Lee Mears (captain), Andy North, Ben Charlton.*
Referee: Paul Spurrell. Assistants: Richard Allen, Nigel Fry.

Saturday, April 28th
PREMIER
CREWKERNE TOWN 0 LYME REGIS 3

LYME Regis recovered from their midweek defeat at Ilminster by putting on a display worthy of league champions.

The Seasiders took the lead in the 24th minute when a six-man move ended with Julien Simier rounding Tigers' 'keeper Dale Wood and rolling the ball into the empty net.

The hosts came close to leveling in the 40th minute when goalkeeper Will Meech mistimed a punched clearance and Aaron Cleal was forced to clear a Lee Banks header off the line.

But it was a rare foray forward for Crewkerne and Lyme duly doubled their advantage on the stroke of half-time when Simier linked well with strike partner Joe Bond whose shot was superbly saved by Wood but Simier was on hand to score from the rebound.

The second-half began with a six-man melee right on the Crewkerne goal line but despite a rugby-style rolling maul Lyme couldn't force the ball over the line.

At the other end Meech kept out a low drive from livewire striker Ed Butcher with his feet.

The Seasiders added a third goal on the hour when Ben Whittington, one of three half-time substitutes, cracked home a shot from the edge of the box into the bottom corner.

Two minutes later a Cleal cross-come-shot dipped onto the top of the crossbar before Wood did well to tip a close range Steve Batey header over the top.

At the conclusion of the match league President Sue Drayton presented the Lyme squad with their championship medals and trophy – a fitting end to management team Robin Townsend and Malcolm Darby's trophy-laden time at the club.

COMBE RESERVES 2 WINSHAM UNITED 1

WITH third place already guaranteed Winsham United shuffled their line-up for the trip to Combe.

Subsequently, regular goalkeeper Chris Scott took the opportunity to get his name on the score sheet. But Scott's strike wasn't enough as Combe edged home 2-1 courtesy of goals from Stuart Bicknell and Matt Cridge.

ILMINSTER RES 1 PERRY STREET 3

PERRY Street secured their premier division status and relegated Merriott Rovers in the process with a 3-1 win at Ilminster Reserves.

Ben Stevens, John Bartlett and Jay Bailey (pen) shared the Street goals with Mike Whitefield on target for the Blues' consolation.

DIVISION ONE

A DOUBLE from Tom Brister saw Shepton Beauchamp complete a successful promotion campaign with a 2-0 win over Perry Street Reserves.

The victory extends Shepton's impressive unbeaten home league record to a mammoth 29 games stretching back to October 2009.

After a goal less first-half at Unity Lane goals from Connor Fletcher and Dan Peach ensured Misterton will finish in third spot after a 2-0 over a shuffled Millwey Rise team.

Meanwhile Ilminster Town Colts said farewell to Division One with a 3-0 defeat at Beaminster Reserves where Josh Hunter scored a hat-trick.

Cup strike!

■ 1-0: Striker Adam Neale (blue shirt, centre) fires past Dowlish & Donyatt 'keeper Jamie Lee to give Uplyme the lead in last Friday's Tommy Tabberer Cup Final. Dowlish battled back to force extra-time before going down 2-1 *Photo by JON MATTHEWS*

DIVISION TWO

PROMOTED South Petherton Reserves failed to raise a team for the visit of Charmouth. Over at Horseshoe Lane Thorncombe galloped to an 11-2 thrashing of lowly Misterton Reserves.

Stuart Packer and John Mason both netted hat-trick for the Thorns whose regular goalkeeper Andrew Sochon got on the score sheet after moving up field for the last 10 minutes.

DIVISION THREE

THE promotion showdown at Slades Cross ended in disappointment for Combe A who battled back from 3-0 down inside the opening half-hour before going down 3-2 to rivals Waytown Hounds. Warren Gabbidon and Ross Bicknell (pen) scored for the Saints.

Chard United made sure of the title with a 5-3 win at Forton Reserves. Rob Milsom (2), Ian Anderson, Marco Quedas and Lee Hames grabbed the Chard goals.

Elsewhere Luso-Chard ended their season on a high with Ricardo Silva and Igor Costa on target in a 2-0 win over Shepton Beauchamp Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

JAKE Woodard grabbed a hat-trick and Rich Wilmott and Kenny Timson doubles as champions Ilminster A extended their lead at the top to seven points with an 8-3 win over basement side Hawkchurch Reserves.

Finally, a Simon Rodber goal counted for little as Combe B were hammered 6-1 at Lyme Regis Bantams.

MIDWEEK ROUND-UP

TUESDAY

AN Ashley Cooper hat-trick hit Forton Rangers Reserves hopes' of avoiding the drop into Division four as they were beaten 4-3 on their own turf by West & Middle Chinnock Reserves. Top-scorer James Melhuish scored one of the consolations for his 16th goal of the season.

Combe A's season ended with whimper as a depleted line-up went down 5-1 at Millwey Rise Reserves. Harry Boddington scored for the Saints.

WEDNESDAY

SOUTH Petherton's late climb to a fourth place finish continued with Greg Howe and Danny Rendall both scoring twice in a 4-2 win over Crewkerne Town at Lightgate Lane.

Lee Banks and Danny Baker scored for the Tigers in manager Nick Murphy's last game in charge.

In Division Two Crewkerne Town Reserves clinched the title in style with a 5-0 victory over Charmouth at Henhayes. Aaron Hodges took his late season goal burst to eight in three matches with a hat-trick and there were singles for Adam Swinnerton and top-scorer Paul Gold.

Finally, goals from Pete Peacock, Rhys Evans, Jamie Quarrington and Fred Thomson sealed a 4-1 win over Farway Reserves. Steve Craft (pen) netted for the Devonians.

FIXTURES
Tonight, May 4th (6.15pm ko)
ARTHUR GAGE CUP FINAL
Forton Rangers v Shepton Beauchamp
(*at Axminster Town FC, 6.15pm ko*)

DIVISION TWO
South Petherton Reserves v Uplyme

Tomorrow, May 5th - all 2.30pm ko
PREMIER
Farway United v Merriott Rovers
Ilminster Town Reserves v South Petherton

DIVISION ONE
Misterton v Lyme Regis Reserves

DIVISION TWO
Crewkerne Town Res v Crewkerne Rangers
Pymore v Dowlish & Donyatt

DIVISION THREE
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Millwey Rise Res
West & M Chinnock Res v Forton Rangers Res

DIVISION FOUR
Hawkchurch Utd Res v Crewkerne Rangers Res
Lyme Regis Bantams v Barrington Reserves
Thorncombe Reserves v Ilminster Town A

Monday, May 7th
JACK VENN CUP FINAL
Dowlish & Donyatt v Thorncombe
(*At Combe, 6.15pm ko*)

Tuesday, May 8th (6.15pm ko)
PREMIER
South Petherton v Merriott Rovers

Wednesday, May 9th (6.45pm ko)
PREMIER
South Petherton Reserves v Charmouth

AS THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis (C)	20	18	1	1	66	55
Beaminster	20	13	5	2	31	44
Winsham Utd	20	12	3	5	26	39
Crewkerne T	20	8	4	8	14	28
Ilminster Res	19	8	2	9	-3	26
Combe Res	20	7	5	8	-10	26
S.Petherton	17	7	3	7	-2	24
Farway Utd	18	6	2	10	-14	20
Perry Street	20	5	2	13	-20	17
W&M Chinn (R)	20	3	3	14	-38	12
Merriott (R)	18	3	2	13	-50	10*

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Millwey Rise (C)	20	16	2	2	63	50
Shepton B (P)	20	15	4	1	30	49
Misterton	19	12	4	3	18	40
Forton Rang	20	12	2	6	11	38
Netherbury	20	10	3	7	12	33
Lyme Res	19	7	4	8	-14	25
Perry St Res	20	7	2	11	-26	23
Barrington	20	5	3	12	-10	18
Beaminster Rs	20	5	2	13	-8	17
Ilm Colts (R)	20	2	4	14	-31	10
Norton Ath (R)	20	2	2	16	-45	8

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Crewke Res (C)	19	15	2	2	53	47
S.Peth Res (P)	18	13	2	3	33	40*
Thorncombe	20	12	2	6	18	38
Uplyme	19	9	5	5	37	32
Dowlish & D	19	9	5	5	28	32
Pymore	19	10	2	7	28	32
Chard Rang	20	6	5	9	-19	23
Crewk Rang	18	5	2	11	-18	17
Misterton Res	20	5	3	12	-50	17*
Charmouth	18	4	4	10	-24	15*
Hinton	20	1	0	19	-86	2*

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Chard Utd (C)	20	13	4	3	24	43
Waytown H (P)	20	13	2	5	17	41
Combe A	20	10	4	6	9	34
Luso-Chard	20	10	2	8	11	32
Millwey Res	19	9	4	6	12	31
W&M Chinn Rs	18	9	2	7	8	26*
Hawkchurch	20	6	5	9	-4	23
Winsham Res	19	5	4	10	-17	19
Drimpton	19	5	4	10	-17	19
Forton Res	18	5	3	10	-24	15*
Shepton Rs (R)	19	3	2	14	-24	11

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Ilminster A (C)	19	16	1	2	70	49
Chard Ud Rs (P)	20	13	3	4	16	42
Thorncombe Rs	19	11	4	4	37	37
Lyme Bantams	19	12	1	6	32	37
Barington Res	19	8	5	6	15	29
Combe B	20	9	2	9	1	29
Farway Res	19	7	4	8	-1	24*
Uplyme Res	20	6	1	13	-54	19
Crewk Rang Rs	18	6	1	11	-16	16*
Chard Rang Rs	20	4	1	15	-40	13
Hawk Res	19	2	1	16	-60	7*

** =Points deducted (P/R assuming 2up/2down)*

leadingscorers

***Premier**: J.Bond (Lyme Regis) 31, Ad Caddy (Lyme Regis) 22, E.Butcher (Crewkerne) 20.*
***Division One**: S.Dibling (Millwey Rise) 42, T.Emmett (Millwey Rise) 34, J.Hunter (Beaminster Res) 30.*
***Division Two**: S.Packer (Thorncombe) 32, A.North (Dowlish) 26, G.Fowler (Uplyme) 25.*
***Division Three**: T.Menaldino (Waytown H) 29, A.Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 24, I.Costa (Luso-Chard), L.Hoole (Millwey Rise Res) 21.*
***Division Four**: P.Peacock (Lyme Bantams) 45, K.Crouch (Ilminster A) 20, P.Male (Thorn Res)17.*

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